

10 Worship Boosters from the Last Ten Pages of the Qur'an!

The treasures of the book of Allah, the Most High, are there for us to take. Abdullah ibn Mas'ud (R.A) said: *Verily, this Quran is the banquet of Allah, so take as much of it as you can, for I do not know of anything more bereft of good than a house in which there is nothing from the Book of Allah. Verily, the heart which does not contain anything from the Book of Allah is ruined, like a dilapidated house in which no one lives.* [Sunan al-Dārimī]
Let's discover ten reminders from the last ten pages of the Qur'an to boost our worship ('ibadah)!

1. What is your motive?

Indeed, your efforts are diverse. As for he who gives (charity) and fears Allah and believes in the best [reward] We will facilitate for him the path to good. But as for he who withholds (stingy) and considers himself independent of Allah and reject the goodness [reward], We shall facilitate for him the path to evil. [Qur'an, 92:4-10]

إِنَّ سَعْيَكُمْ لَشَتَّى
فَأَمَّا مَنْ أَعْطَى وَاتَّقَى
وَصَدَّقَ بِالْحُسْنَى
فَسَنُيَسِّرُهُ لِلْيُسْرَى
وَأَمَّا مَنْ بَخِلَ وَاسْتَغْنَى
وَكَذَّبَ بِالْحُسْنَى
فَسَنُيَسِّرُهُ لِلْعُسْرَى

Everyone has different motives. If your intentions are sincere- Allah will make easy for you the path to guidance and the ability to do good. Ask Allah, al Hadee – the Guide – to guide you in the

intentions behind your daily deeds, both mundane and spiritual and beg Him for Tawfeeq (ability) to do good deeds and accept them from you.

2. What's better is yet to come.

And the Hereafter is better for you than the first [life]. [Qur'an, 93:4] **وَلِلْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنَ الْأُولَى**

How many times do we get consumed by our daily struggles and overcome by feelings of disappointment and stress? Whenever you feel down, think of this beautiful saying of Allah: *And the Hereafter is better for you than the first [life]*. Share it with others and feel the positive effect this ayah has on your heart.

3. Know the highs and lows.

We have certainly created the human being in the best of stature; then We return him to the lowest of the low. [Qur'an, 95:4,5]

**لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ
ثُمَّ رَدَدْنَاهُ أَسْفَلَ سَافِلِينَ**

Allah, Al-Khaliq, created you in the best of stature and He can return you to the lowest of the low. Never take your *Deen* and worship for granted; there will be a time when people wake up as a Muslim and die that night as a disbeliever. There are those who are tested in their faith at the very moment of death and fail – May Allah protect us from this. Each day supplicate for sincerity and for protection against arrogance.

4. Remind yourself of your ability.

Nay! Most surely man does transgress (all bounds). Whenever he thinks himself self-sufficient. [Qur'an, 96:6-7]

**كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَيْطَغَى
أَنْ رَّاهُ اسْتَعْنَى**

One of the main reasons people transgress or commit sins is because they do not appreciate their need of Allah. They think: 'I don't need anyone, or I can do this by myself, who can stop me?' Remind yourself daily that you would not even be able to take one breath if it wasn't for Allah, the Most High.

5. Never underestimate this.

So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it. And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it. [Qur'an, 99:7-8]

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ
وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ

We are dealing with a Merciful, yet All-Knowing Creator. Never underestimate any good deed, or bad deed; let this both comfort you and yet, make you alert.

6. Own the key to success.

Indeed, man is certainly ungrateful to his Lord. [Qur'an, 100:6]

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنُودٌ

There's one simple concept in our beautiful religion, which many fail to use to their own soul's, huge benefit: active gratitude (*Shukr*). *Shukr* is a way of life and not an occasional act of worship. Ask Allah Ash-Shukoor – the All-Appreciative – to be of the *Shaakireen* (the grateful ones), by heart and by your actions.

7. Find the cure for toxic competition.

Competition in [worldly gains] diverts you. Until you visit the graveyards. [Qur'an, 102:1,2]

أَلْهَاكُمْ النَّكَاثُ
حَتَّىٰ زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ

When wealth looks and reputation push their ways into your heart and take the place of the remembrance of Allah, the Most High,

there can be no inner peace. When you feel, you are getting distracted with earning money, competing in beauty, children etcetera- visit the graveyard and make the Sunnah supplication mentioned when visiting the graves. If you can't, at least visualize the grave and being laid into it and remind yourself of death.

8. Reflect on your safety.

Who provided them food against hunger and made them secure from fear? [Qur'an, 106:4]

الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِّنْ جُوعٍ وَآمَنَهُمْ مِّنْ خَوْفٍ

Reflect on the fact that Allah blessed you with safety – being able to live in a place where you can safely eat, drink and sleep is an unparalleled favor you should give thanks for. Say each night before sleeping

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا، وَكَفَانَا وَأَوَانَا، فَكَمْ مِمَّنْ لَا كَافِيَ لَهُ وَلَا مُؤْوِي

(All praise is for Allah, Who fed us and gave us drink, and Who is sufficient for us and has sheltered us, for how many have none to suffice them or shelter them). [Muslim]

9. Your prayer is your life.

So woe to those who pray, [But] who are heedless of their prayer. [Qur'an, 107:4, 5]

فَوَيْلٌ لِّلْمُصَلِّينَ

الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ

Let's get one thing clear; Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, doesn't need our prayers. He blessed us with the guidance of prayer to benefit our own souls and empower our worldly lives with the feeling of being close to Him and ultimately 'earning' our place in His gardens as a reward for worshipping Him alone.

Don't be of the ones who are heedless of their prayer; ask Allah, the Most High, to help you to be of those who establish the prayer and pray in a way pleasing to Him.

10. Sacrifice:

So, pray to your Lord and offer sacrifice [to Him alone]. [Qur'an, 108:2]

فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَنْحِرْ

Apart from praying to Allah, live with the concept of sacrifice. Going out to help someone while you could have relaxed at home is sacrifice. Spending money on a charitable cause while you could have bought yourself something is sacrifice. Nowadays, individualism is promoted in societies – we need to train ourselves to have a selfless nature. Supplicate to Allah, Al Wadood, to make you of those who sacrifice their wealth, time and selves to seek His pleasure and for Him to accept it all.

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