



All praises are due to Allah the Lord of all the worlds, who accepts from His slaves deeds that are intended sincerely for His sake. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah the uniquely One, who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that the Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger.

O servants of Allah! Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Bani Iaraaiil:

“And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word.” (S.17 V.23)

Hence for this reason Allah decreeing such treatment for His servants. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Ahqaf:

“And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment. His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship, and his gestation and weaning [period] is thirty months. ...” (S.46 V.15)

So, the mother and father expend their lives in raising their children and strive for a good upbringing and education for them, and they spare neither effort nor money in the way of seeking to inculcate in them righteousness. Hence this is a right of the parents upon their children and an honoring and kind treatment in return for what they did for the children in the first place. This trust is honored and demonstrated by being keen on serving them and seeing to their needs, facilitating their affairs, and spending upon them. Hence, showing kindness to our parents is a religious obligation and to the degree you demonstrate kindness and goodness to your parents you will find such behavior reflected back to you by your children. This is a general principle, for children tend to treat their parents in the same manner they saw them treating their own. Indeed, the believer who is kind to his parents invests his life in doing those things that would help him attain unto their pleasure. Such believers make much supplication for their parents whether they be living or not.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Bani Iaraaiil:



“And lower to them [the parents] the wing of humility out of mercy [to them] and say, ‘My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small.’” (S.17 V.24)

As for if one of his parents dies or if both his parents die, then the believer does not stop his kindness and filial piety towards them, rather he continues to pray for them and asks for their forgiveness. If they have any debts he settles them on their behalf, he gives charity for their sake and keeps up the relations with those who were close and related to them. The Prophet SAW said: “The strongest form of dutifulness and filial piety is when a man maintains relations with the people his father loved.” [Muslim]

Throughout all of this a person seeks the pleasure of Allah. The Prophet SAW said: “The pleasure of Allah lies in seeking the pleasure of one's parents.” [Bahyaqi]

May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon prophet Muhammad SAW, his family and all of his Companions. May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman

and Ali, and all those who will follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

O Allah! Guide us to be kind to our parents.

O Allah! Please accept all of us for Your obedience and bless us with obedience towards Your Messenger SAW.

O Allah! Guide us to the right path and make us of those on whom You bestows Your mercy.

O Allah! Accept our prayers and all our ibada.

O Allah! Accept all of our good deeds and forgive us for our sins.

O Allah! Accept us for Your service and for the service of Islam and Muslims and

O Allah! Grant safety and security to everyone here in Japan as well as all over the world. Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin.