

What is Taqwa (Righteousness)? And what is the reward of Taqwa? What is the character of the righteous? BS Foad, MD 2016

1-Taqwa is watching our behavior and understanding our responsibility and accountability to Allah

“And fear the day when you shall be brought back to Allah, then shall every soul be paid what it earned and none will be wronged” Al-Baqara 2: 281

“O you who believe fear Allah, and let every soul look at what it has sent forward, and fear Allah for Allah is well aware of what you do” Al-Hashr 59: 18

2-Taqwa is proper manners and noble character

“O you who believe be conscious of Allah and say what is true and right” Al-Ahzab 33: 70

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Be conscious of Allah at all times, and follow a bad deed with a good deed it will wipe it out, and treat people with noble character and proper behavior) Termedhi & Abou Dawood

“Those who spend, whether in prosperity or in adversity; who restrain anger and pardon others, for Allah loves those who do good; and those who having done something to be ashamed of, or wronged their own souls, remember Allah and ask for forgiveness for their sins, and who can forgive sins except Allah? And are never obstinate in persisting knowingly in the wrong they have done” Al-Imran 3: 134 & 135

“O you who believe be mindful of Allah and be among those who are truthful” At-Tawba 9: 119

3-Taqwa is Proper faith and obedience to Allah & His messenger

“O you who believe fasting is ordained on you as it was ordained on those before you that you may attain Taqwa” Al-Baqara 2: 183

“So take what the messenger assigns to you, and deny yourselves that which he withholds from you; and be conscious of Allah, for Allah is severe in punishment” Al-Hashr 59: 7

“O you who believe be conscious of Allah, as He is due, and die not except in a state of Islam” Al-Imran 3: 102

4-Taqwa is controlling our desires and avoiding what is wrong

“Say: “Not equal are things that are bad and things that are good, even though the abundance of the bad may dazzle you; so be conscious of Allah O people of understanding that you may prosper” Al'Maida 5: 100

5-Taqwa is being just and not wronging others

“O you who believe stand out firmly for Allah, as witnesses to fair dealings, and let not the hatred of others to you make you deviate to wrong and depart from justice; be just that is next to piety, and fear Allah” Al'Maida 5: 8

6-Taqwa is patient perseverance and not giving up

“For he that is righteous and patient, never will Allah allow the reward of those to be wasted” Youseff 12: 90

7-Taqwa is resolving differences

“The believers are but brothers to one another, therefore make amends between them, and be mindful of Allah that you may receive mercy” Al-Hujerat 49: 10

8-Taqwa is moderation in the way we live and spend*“And when they spend are not misers or excessive, but follow a way in between”* Al-Furqan 25: 67

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Among you I fear Allah the most, and I am most mindful of Him; but I fast and break my fast; and I pray part of the night, and sleep some; and I marry women; those who do not wish to follow my way are not among us) Bokhari & Muslim

9-Taqwa is safeguarding our prayers, giving in charity and fasting seeking Allah's pleasure

"So establish regular prayer and be mindful of Allah, for to Him shall you be gathered together" Ar-Rum 30: 31

"So establish regular prayers and do fear Allah, for it is to Him that you shall be gathered together" Al-Ana'm 6: 72

Rewards of Taqwa

1-Forgiveness of sin & Allah's paradise

"The righteous will be amid gardens and fountains: enter here in peace and security, and We shall remove from their hearts any lurking sense of injury; they will be brothers facing each other on thrones. There no sense of fatigue shall touch them, nor shall they be asked to leave" Al-Hijr 15: 45-48

"Excellent indeed is the home of the righteous: Gardens of eternity which they will enter, beneath them rivers flow; they will have therein all that they wish; thus does Allah reward the righteous" An-Nahl 16: 30 & 31

2-Obtaining Allah's mercy and guidance

"O you who believe fear Allah and believe in His messenger, He will bestow on you a double portion of His mercy, and He will provide for you a light by which you shall walk, and He will forgive you, for Allah is often-forgiving, most-merciful" Al-Hadeed 57 : 28

3-Allah loves and helps those of Taqwa

"Those who keep their promises and are mindful of Allah, for Allah loves the righteous" Al-Imran 3: 76

"Allah is with those who are righteous and who do good" An-Nahl 16: 128

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) (Allah loves His servant who is righteous, content and helps others secretly) Muslim

4-Allah will deliver those of Taqwa of difficulty, provide for them and make their affairs easy

"For those who fear Allah, He ever prepares a way out" At-Talaq 65: 2 ; *"And He provides for him from sources he never could imagine"* At-Talaq 65: 3 ; *"And for those who fear Allah He will make their path easy"* At-Talaq 65: 4

"And He who gives in charity and fear Allah, and testifies to the best, We will indeed make smooth for him the path to bliss" Al-Lail 92: 5-7

5-The righteous is honored in the sight of Allah

"Indeed the most honored of you in the sight of Allah is he who is most righteous" Al-Hujerat 49: 13

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was asked: Who is the most honorable among mankind" He said: (The most honorable is the most righteous) Bokhari

6-The righteous will have nothing to fear or be sad on the Day of Judgment

"Indeed the friends of Allah will have no fear, nor will they be sad, those who believed and were righteous."

Yunus (Jonah) 10: 62 & 63.

7-Allah accepts deeds from the righteous "Allah accepts deeds only from the righteous" Al-Ma'ida 5: 27