



Noble Character of the Holy Prophet (s) in the Holy Quran

Today's Topic: Goal Oriented

Today's Verses

- 1) Sura an-Naml, 27:70
- 2) Sura al-Kahf, 18:6
- 3) Sura Yasin, 36:76

What points do you get from these verses? How would you link them together?

Question: What characteristics show that a person is focused on his/her goal?

Agenda

- Importance of a focused goal
- The focus of the Holy Prophet (s)
- The Prophet's concern for his goal
- The Prophet's hard work towards his goal



Importance of a focused goal

Goals give you direction

Goals keep you motivated

Goals help you avoid distractions

Goals make you consider priorities

Ways of staying focused

1) Have a **worthwhile** goal

A powerful goal that you are passionate about is exciting. Goal + belief = momentum

2) Sustained **effort**

Consistency and hard work are necessary to achieve the goal.

Goal + belief + consistent effort = success



3) Keep **company** with those who share your goal. Sharing goals provides positive reinforcement.

4) **Track** your progress. Reflect and analyze yourself often. Where have you reached in the ladder towards attaining the goal?

The Prophet's concern for his goal

Sura an-Naml, verse 70

وَلَا تَحْزَنْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا تَكُنْ فِي ضَيْقٍ مِّمَّا يَمْكُرُونَ

And grieve not for them
and be not distressed
because of what they plan.



1) The Prophet brought guidance for people and was grieved when people did not take it.

2) It is like the example of bringing water for a thirsty person who refuses to take it.

3) He was saddened by their rejection and concerned about their plots against his mission.

4) The verse consoles the Prophet (s) and reassures him.

Sura Kahf, verse 6

فَلَعَلَّكَ بَاخِعٌ نَفْسَكَ عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِمْ
إِن لَّمْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَسَفًا

Then maybe you will kill yourself
with grief, sorrowing after them
if they do not believe in this
announcement.

1) **بَاخِع** : one who almost destroys himself with sadness and grief.

2) **اَثَار** : Effects, actions and behavior

The word is used to tell the Prophet (s) not to be upset over the effects of their rejection. The effects can wear off after a while.

3) **حَدِيث** : new. The people were not prepared to explore something new, and compare it to what they had.

Sura Yasin, verse 76

فَلَا يَحْزُنُكَ قَوْلُهُمْ ۗ إِنَّا نَعْلَمُ مَا يُسْرُونَ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ

Therefore let not

their speech grieve you;
surely We know what they do in
secret and what they do openly.



1) Their words (accusations, mockery, rejection . . .) should not grieve you.

2) We know what they say, and what they don't say — that which is hidden in their hearts.

The Prophet's hard work for his goal

As he was given

[the responsibility of Prophethood]

so he bore it

standing by Thy commands

advancing towards Thy will

without shrinking of steps

or weakness of determination,



listening to Your revelation
preserving Your testament,
proceeding forward in the spreading of
your commands, till he lit a fire for its seeker
and lit the path for the groper in the dark.

Hearts achieved guidance through him
after being ridden with troubles.

He introduced clearly guiding signs
and shining injunctions.

Nahjul Balagha, Khutba no. 72



The Prophet was like a roaming physician who has set ready his ointments and heated his instruments. He uses them wherever the need arises for curing blind hearts, deaf ears, and dumb tongues. He followed with his medicines the spots of negligence and places of perplexity.

Nahjul Balagha, Khutba 108