



Question:

Assalaamu 'alaikum

Respected 'Ulama

I teach in a madrasah and so I meet and interact with many young girls from different backgrounds. I have noticed that although they may be involved in bad habits and ways, they are still quite receptive. I have hope that if I speak to them and give them encouragement, they will be inspired to change their ways for the better.

How should I address them? How can I give them hope in the mercy of Allah Ta'ala and encourage them to make taubah?

Jazakallah

Answer:

Bismihi Ta'ala

Wa 'alaikumus salaam wa rahmatullahi wa barikaatuh

Respected Sister in Islam

May Allah Ta'ala accept your efforts and sacrifices to educate the youth and to bring them closer to Deen. With regard to the topic of taubah, you should put forward to them the aayaat of the Quraan Majeed and the ahaadeeth which highlight the great mercy of Allah Ta'ala and His happiness to forgive His servants.

One such aayat is:

وَمَا كَانَ لِمَنْ يَلْمِزْهُمْ مِنْهُمْ لَعْنًا يُكْفَرُ بِهِ قُلِ اللَّهُ يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْيَاقِينِ
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O my servants who have transgressed against their souls! Do not despair of the mercy of Allah, for Allah forgives all sins. He is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Surah Zumar v. 53)

Similarly, Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) mentioned, "The person who sincerely repents from a sin (and reforms his life) is like a person who has not committed the sin."
(Ibnu Maajah #4250)

In other words, if a person has genuine remorse in his heart, sincerely repents and resolves to never return to sins again, then in a mere moment, a lifetime of sins will be erased.

You should also mention some of the incidents of those who made sincere taubah and how their lives were transformed for the better. Among the personalities in the Ummah whose examples you may present are people such as 'Abdullah bin Mubaarak (rahimahullah), Maalik bin Dinaar (rahimahullah) and Bishr Haafi (rahimahullah), etc.

The booklet "[Rujoo' ilallah](#)" of Moulana Yunus Patel (rahimahullah) will also be of great help to you. Insha-Allah you will benefit from it and will be able to help others as well.

May Allah Ta'ala assist you in this extremely noble and important task.

Answered by:

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