

## SUGGESTED LESSON PLAN FOR TEACHING

## Ayatul Birr 2:177 CHARACTER TRAITS LOYALTY

### INTRODUCTION

Continuing with the manifestation of BELIEF in our behaviours...

Look at the characteristics that one who has adopted birr manifests in his behaviors in every aspect of his life

**THE FIRST CHARACTER TRAIT IS LOYALTY (FULFILLING OF PROMISES)**  
Wal mufunaa bi ahdihim izhaa aahadu



### ELABORATE

They keep their promises in all aspects of their lives (their word is their honour)

In all Shia poetry - the embodiment of LOYALTY is in ABBAS. A poet writes:

"I sat down to write a poem about loyalty, I wrote ABBAS and my pen stopped"

It is this aspect of BIRR that one should recall whenever you see the 'alam. An apt time as is the wiladat of Hazrat Abbas

The aspiration is that whenever someone describes you, it is this characteristic that should first come to mind. The three descriptions of the Prophets were HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY & KIND.

'There is no Imaan of a person who is not trustworthy. No Deen of a person who does not fulfil his promises.' Prophet (pbuh)

### DISCUSS

All human relations are based on agreements (whether explicit or implied)

Some examples:

#### IMPLICIT AGREEMENTS

Discuss parent/child relationship - parents sacrifice to raise and nourish children, who will in turn take care of their parents when they grow old and feeble.

Family, friends, neighbours, and community relations

#### EXPLICIT RELATIONS

- Educational contract with the school (uniform, time, homework...)
- Employment contracts
- Citizenship
- Driving licence agreement

### NOTES

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