



# SURA AL 'ASR

## 3 AYAAT - MAKKI

### QASAM PLACE

Chapters beginning with an oath

37 Al Saaffaat The Rows of Angels	51 Al Dhariyat The Scatterers	52 Al Tur The Mountain		
53 Al Najm The Star	75 Al Qiyama The Day of Judgement	77 Al Mursalaat The Winds		
79 Al Naaziat Those Who Pulled Out	85 Al Buruj The Forts in the Heavens	86 Al Taariq The Brilliant Star	89 Al Fajr The Dawn	90 Al Balad The City
91 Al Shams The Sun	92 Al Layl The Night	95 Al Teen The Fig	100 Al 'Aadiyat The Competing Horses	103 Al 'Asr The Time
93 Al Dhuhaa The Early Morning Light				

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**SUCCESS AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY  
SUCCESSFUL TIME MANAGEMENT**



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# DID YOU KNOW?



In ancient times people stopped work at 'asr time (late afternoon) and headed home before darkness set in. In this context 'asr may mean the 'end of a productive day'

"Every breath a human being takes is a step towards the end of his life" - Imam Ali (pbuh)



# BENEFITS OF RECITATION



- Stomach ailments
- 10x – Fever
- Nur on Qiyama
- Increase in eimaan
- Safety from tyrant if recited in Eisha salaa



# SECTION 1 AYAAT 1 - 3



## SUCCESSFUL TIME MANAGEMENT

An object of the oath is time which with every breath is moving the human being from the world to the hereafter

Humanity is always in a state of loss except those who:

1. Have faith
2. Manifest their faith in good deeds
3. Counsel each other to stand for the truth and do the right thing
4. Counsel each other to persevere and have patience in standing for the truth



# SECTION 1 AYA 1

وَالْعَصْرِ

I swear by the time,

Why swear?

Anger,

When not believed,

Testifying

Witness, evidence (Qur'an)

Time running out - Day running out

Aseer - juice (squeezed)

Wake up

Time is a witness for all of the various and repeated failures and mistakes of mankind. In our personal life, time is a witness of all of the things that we've done that we wish we hadn't done. At the end of our life, we will always wish we had done more, made a better use of our time, regret that we were in loss



# SECTION 1 AYA 2

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ

Most surely man is in loss,

Khusr- base form

Khasara- A loss added to a loss

Khusraan - excessive loss (aan empowers it)

Al Insaan - universal statement for all but addressing the individual





# SECTION 1 AYA 3

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ

Except those who believe and do good, and enjoin on each other truth, and enjoin on each other patience.

Ilalaa exception Majority loss - exception 4 traits

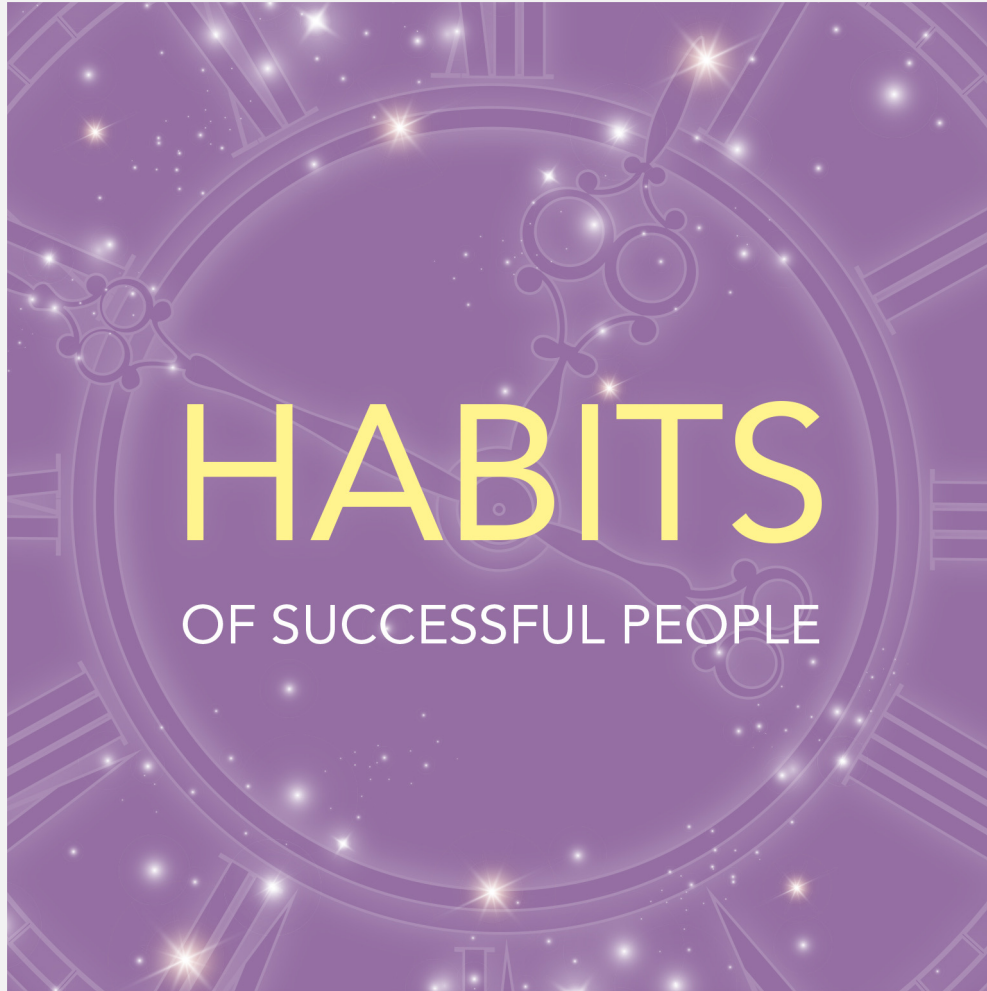
Allazheena as opposed to Men - Allazheena - special, specific - the exception  
Only exception. To loss is those who meet these 4 conditions at the same time.  
Not enough to meet just one of these conditions - all 4 need to be met

Eiman boosters - those - collective affair  
Transition from singular to plural  
Eiman is not merely a statement  
Tawheed, Risala, Aakhira  
Risala- messenger and message





# SECTION 1 AYAAT 3



## HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY

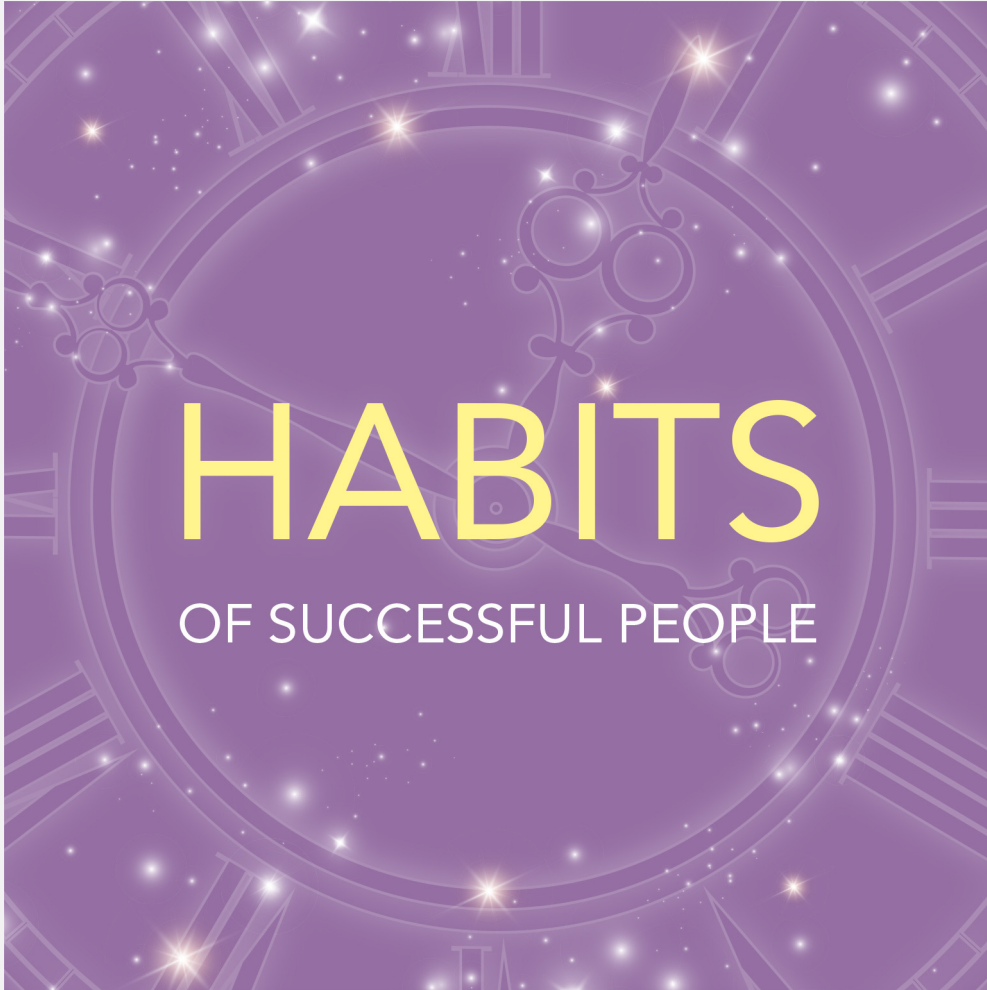
### BELIEF IN DIVINITY

Believing that success in life is reaching one's full potential only by following the instructions of the Creator knowing that you can't predict the outcome, but can only do your best and then hand it over to Him.

Taking care of oneself comes first.



# SECTION 1 AYAAT 3



## HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY

MANIFESTED IN SERVING HIS CREATION  
(AMILUS SAALIHAAT)

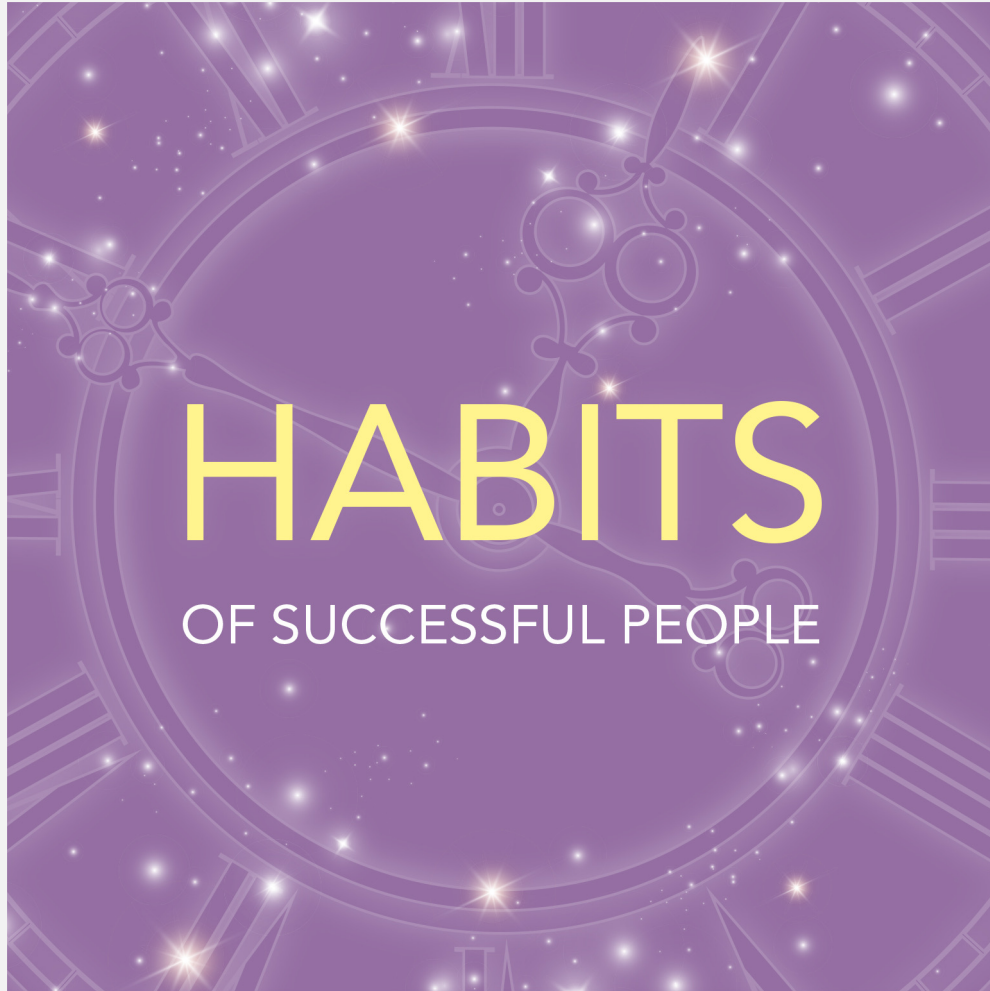
'Amal is a conscious action. 'Salaa' is to mend.  
The correct good action is the one whose  
consequences are good too.

Therefore Amilus Saalihaat are those deeds that  
makes one 'good' (to mend what is broken, to  
heal) and to leave the world a better place than  
the one which we were born into..

Many small moments of positive interaction  
with others.



# SECTION 1 AYAAT 3



## HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE AS DEFINED BY DIVINITY COUNSELLING OTHERS TO TRUTH AND PATIENCE

Tawaasi is to counsel someone to do something good. The truth is often not comfortable but it is the ability to lovingly counsel someone to do the right thing in order to assist them to reach their full potential. Sabr besides patience is the commitment to persevere and hang on. To maintain a consistency in ease and difficulty. To assist others in difficulty. The Nigerian proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" is appropriate here.



# NARRATIVE



Time is the greatest evidence of loss and the witness of one's life works. The sura encapsulates success in three verses. When the companions of the Prophet (pbuh) used to meet one another, they only departed until one of them recited Suratul 'Asr to the other and they bid peace upon one another. They did not want to forget or become heedless of the essential message of success. Time is the object of the oath  
Successful time management is described as:

- Having faith in Divinity
- Manifesting the faith as good deeds (serving humanity)





# SELECTED AYAAT



- 103:1** Denotes 'squeezing'. Time squeezes life from the world into the hereafter. The time of 'Asr squeezes the day into the night. Time, era, decline of the day.
- 103:2** Truly humanity is in a state of loss.
- 103:3** Except those who have faith (trust) and do good deeds, counsel each other to the truth and counsel each other to patience (sabr).

