



SURA AL 'ASR

3 AYAAT - MAKKI

QASAM PLACE

Chapters beginning with an oath

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SUCCESSFUL TIME MANAGEMENT

AL-'ASR - THE TIME

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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 faith

Ayaat 1-3



FOCUS – DID YOU KNOW - BENEFITS

FOCUS



SUCCESS AS DEFINED BY
DIVINITY

SUCCESSFUL TIME
MANAGEMENT

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



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

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)

SECTION 1 AYAAT 1 - 3



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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 لِفِي 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.

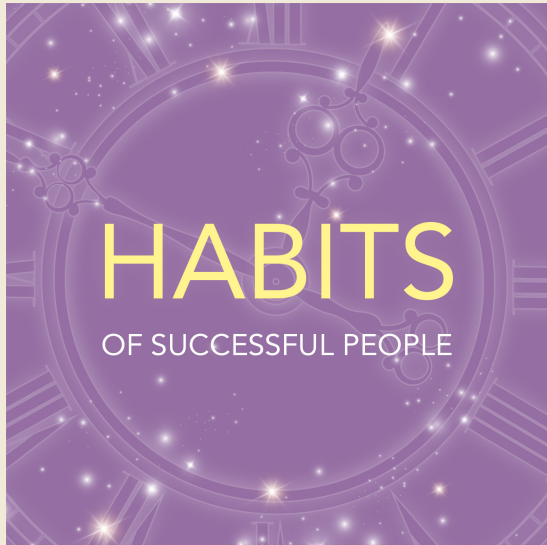
Illaa exception Majority loss - exception 4 traits

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

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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.

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.

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.