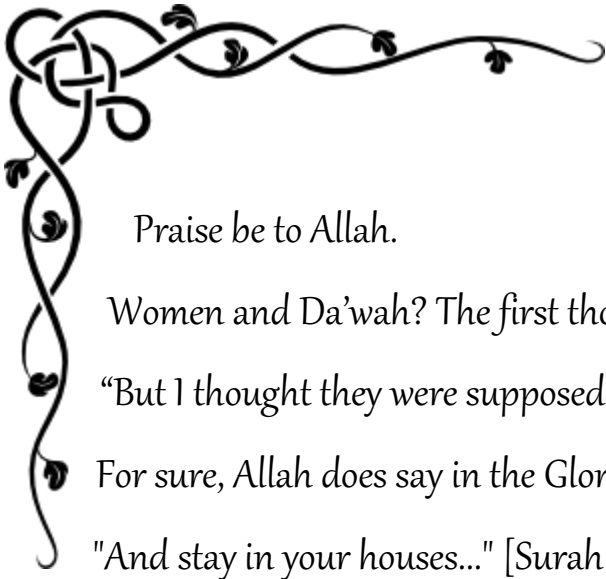




33 Da'wah Ideas for Muslim Women

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Praise be to Allah.

Women and Da'wah? The first thought that may come to many Muslims is:

"But I thought they were supposed to stay at home!"

For sure, Allah does say in the Glorious Qur'an:

"And stay in your houses..." [Surah al Ahzab, verse 33]

This ayah does not mean a Muslim woman is not allowed to step outside her house at all. She may go outside for necessary work, like da'wah, and may also travel for the purpose of Da'wah with her mahram. The Da'wah ideas given in this booklet do not mandate a woman to travel long distances, and most of the ideas can be done by the sister herself or in the comfort of her home. So, whether you are a working woman, homemaker or a mother, you can still contribute to the Ummah, in shaa Allah!

It is important for women to engage in da'wah to convey the message of Islam to other women and children. Men are unavailable to provide this service to women. It is always better and more effective when a woman speaks to a woman as compared to a man speaking to a woman. Usually, women tend to be better than men in terms of verbal abilities and emotionality.

Having said that, let us go on to see how we as Muslim women can take part in da'wah:

1. Starting halaqas and Islamic classes in one's home; spreading the teachings of Islam to neighbours and friends.
2. Offering tasty meals to neighbours with a card mentioning a hadeeth, Qura'nic ayah or the saying of a scholar.
3. Starting a tiffin service for unmarried da'ees. The brothers can be provided with daily meals so that they can concentrate on their da'wah work.
4. Distributing small pamphlets with Islamic content on the occasion of a marriage or any other social function.
5. Teaching Qur'an and tajweed to children and women.
6. Arranging workshops and lectures and speaking on various topics at different venues.
7. Joining an Islamic school as an Islamic studies teacher.
8. Counseling women and children and helping them with their problems and emotional issues. The counseling should be Islamic Counseling i.e. based on Qur'an and Sunnah, with knowledge of Psychology and therapy.
9. Using one's background and education to spread Islam. For example, a doctor can do da'wah in his clinic, or have awareness camps or medical camps for women, in which she can also convey the message of Islam.
10. Starting a blog or website and posting articles, videos, etc.



11. Writing Islamic articles and books.
12. Starting a magazine especially for sisters.
13. Compiling booklets with the help of material from authentic books/videos/articles.
14. Translating Islamic books into local languages to benefit the masses.
15. Having an Islamic exhibition in which there can be books, audio-video material, panels, Islamic games, and even cookery shows and jewelry displays to attract women. This has to be a team effort with many sisters and their mahrams. Or, one can also have a small exhibition which does not involve males.
16. Islamic bookshop: Selling various Islamic material, jilbabs, etc.
17. Training women to do da'wah- both individually and in to a female audience. Training them for Public Speaking.
18. Visiting hospitals/orphanages/old age homes/ women's' hostels; caring for them and speaking about Islam.
19. Giving Islamic talks in Muslim colleges (for women) and in schools around the city.
20. Supporting, helping and encouraging one's husband to carry on Islamic work.
21. Raising pious children who will lift the banner of Islam and spread its true message.
22. Conducting an Islamic quiz for Muslims sisters in various places.



23. Social service: Helping people financially, whether they be the poor and needy, orphans, old people, etc. One can identify those who especially need help and also collect money for this purpose.



24. Starting a crèche (day care for kids) at home:

Taking care of small children while their parents are out at work; teaching them the basics of Islam, etiquettes, and good manners.

25. A support group for reverts to Islam, in which they can meet weekly and share their joys and sorrows, come to solution of their problems with Islamic advice from knowledgeable people.

26. Designing Islamic posters and charts and selling them in Islamic bookshops, or via the internet.



27. Starting a sms or mail network and regularly sending Islamic messages.

28. Associating oneself with an Islamic organization and helping them in their various activities, especially the sisters' wing.

29. Designing flyers, pamphlets for Islamic organizations- marketing their activities and events.

30. Making Islamic videos, documentaries, useful computer presentations and uploading videos of scholars on the internet

31. Teaching sisters via the internet: through video tutorials, emails, and other means.

32. Stitching simple abayas, jilbabs and khimaars for Muslim women and then gifting or selling them.

33. Conveying the message of Islam in public places like parks/beach/malls etc. One can give free books/ have a bookstall inviting people to it.



This da'wah idea needs cooperation with one's mahram; he can speak to the males who are interested and Islam and the woman can speak to the females.

Every one of us may not be able to implement all 33 ideas, but we can atleast start by ticking those ideas which we can do as per our abilities. The small boxes in the beginning of each point are for this purpose. One can start with one idea and then slowly go on to do others.

Many of the ideas do not require group work, so one can start on one's own if there are not many helping hands. It is helpful to take advice from those with Islamic knowledge and experience in the field of Da'wah, so that we can channelize our capabilities appropriately, and overcome obstacles that may come our way, in sha Allah.

Most importantly, we must make du'aa to Allah to make us a way to serve the Ummah and grant us ease and His help in all our endeavours. We pray that Allah accepts our deeds and rewards us for them.

Our duty is only to start. Allah's help will come along. He will open ways and means for us. As Allah says:

“And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). And He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine. And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him. Verily, Allah will accomplish his purpose. Indeed Allah has set a measure for all things.” (Surah al Talaq, verse 3)

In Surah al Ankabut, verse 69, He says:

As for those who strive hard in Us (Our Cause), We will surely guide them to Our Paths. And verily, Allah is with the good doers.”

Subhan Allah! Allah promises those who fear and obey Him, that He will provide for them from sources they could never even imagine, not even anticipate! All we need to do, my sister, is have the right intention, make the necessary effort, and then put our trust in Allah.

Surely, Allah's help *will* come!

