

SUSPICION

EXPLANATION:

When a person is suspicious it means that he/she is accusing a person in his/her mind of doing something wrong although there is no clear evidence or proof about it.

The Arabic word for suspicion is ZANN:

For example:

1. During the lunch break you saw Dawood coming out of your classroom. When you went to your desk after lunch break you found out that your wallet was missing. You immediately suspected that Dawood was the thief because you had seen him coming out of the classroom although you had not seen him leave the classroom with your wallet.
2. Your mother employed a new maid and you find your favourite t shirt missing. Without checking if it is misplaced in another drawer you suspect the maid of stealing.
3. When the Bani Mustaliq tribe accept Islam. Our beloved Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) sent al Walid to collect Zakah that was due from them. as al walid approached the city the bani mustaliq` s people came out to welcome him. Seeing the big crowd al walid assumed that they were coming to attack him because of the very recent battle fought with them. Without enquiring al walid turned back and returned to Madinah and reported to our beloved Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) about his suspicion on the Mustaliq tribe. Thinking that the Bani Mustaliq tribe had gone back on their words our beloved Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) gave instructions to the Muslims to prepare for another battle against them.

When Bani Mustaliq's found out they immediately sent a messenger with the following message: -

O messenger of Allah when we heard that you had sent a person to collect Zakah from us we decided to honour him. We went to the outskirts of the city to welcome him but when he saw us approaching he turned back. We then heard that he accused us of planning to kill him. This is untrue. Ever since we accepted Islam we have not deviated from our belief in Allah.

The different reports that our prophet received put him in a difficult situation as to whom to believe.

Regarding suspicion Allah tells us in Surah al Hujuraat Surah number 49, verse 12:

O People who Believe! Avoid excessive assumptions; indeed assumption sometimes becomes a sin, and do not seek faults, and do not slander one another; would any one among you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? So you will hate that! And fear Allah; indeed Allah is Most Acceptor of Repentance, Most Merciful.

Therefore, we must not suspect or have bad opinion about anyone without genuine proof or evidence. It is Sunnah to have good thoughts and opinion about others.

As Muslims our aim should be to have a clear conscience and mutual trust for our fellow human being and not have any ill feelings suspicions or doubts about anyone.

Our beloved Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) said:

Shun suspicious because suspicion is the worst lie.

Why would we avoid suspicion?

- 1.1 Suspicion does not give us peace of mind.
- 1.2 It makes us distrust our love ones.
- 1.3 We tend to lack confidence in others.
- 1.4 It impedes progress.
- 1.5 It creates disunity amongst family members and friends.

Therefore, we must remove all sorts of suspicion from our minds and develop a positive attitude towards life and our fellow human beings.