Truth, Lies and Arrogance

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Summary

For true Taqwa, one must instill all good morals in one’s self.

Adopt all excellent morals and obey all commandments of God.

Establish truthfulness and staying away from falsehood.

People lie in every matter these days.

Truthfulness and self evaluation to be completely free of falsehood.

Humility and staying away from arrogance in Ramadan.

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The Promised Messiah (as) has said that in order to have true Taqwa, one must instill all good morals in one’s self.

Allah has mentioned many morals in the Holy Quran, without which one cannot safeguard his faith.

One of these morals is to establish truthfulness and staying away from falsehood.

Therefore, a believer should try to adopt all excellent morals and obey all commandments of God.
Allah says in the Holy Quran: (22:31)

“Shun therefore the abomination of idols, and shun all words of untruth”. 
The Promised Messiah (as) says that the Holy Quran has likened telling a lie or falsehood to worshipping an idol. A lie is like an idol that if one relies on it, he loses the trust of God. He says that a person who becomes a habitual liar, it becomes difficulty for him to leave this habit and requires extremely hard work. Then he says that just like a foolish person turns to an idol instead of Allah, similarly human beings rely upon falsehood to accomplish their tasks.
Huzur (aba) said that people lie in every matter these days. Recently, a study was published in the National Geography magazine on why humans lie? An attempt was made to prove that this is somehow part of human nature. This is false as it is the environment and upbringing which brings about this habit. Reading this study shows how people’s lives have become full of lies and deception. And when these lies are revealed, it creates many problems and breaks their households.

This is why the following verse of Quran is read out at the time of Nikah:(33:71)

O ye who believe! fear Allah, and say the right word.
Huzur (aba) said that if the husband and wife treat each other with absolute truthfulness, not only will their own relationship stay in good terms, but their children will also stay away from many immoralities.

People who are far from God have no guidance in these matters, but we have clear commandments of Allah.

Some of us consider the Western world an example for ourselves in these matters, even though our teaching is much better than their morals.
Truthfulness

The Promised Messiah (as) has guided us that we should stay upon truthfulness in every matter, even if this truth comes from a child.

We should stay upon truthfulness, even if it goes against our close relatives. Some people lie in matters of inheritance of properties, even though Allah has said that we shouldn’t even lie to our enemies.

We should all self-evaluate that are we completely free of falsehood in all aspects of our lives.
Another important moral we should pay attention towards is humility and staying away from arrogance. 

Allah says in the Holy Quran : (31:19)
‘And turn not thy cheek away from men in pride nor walk in the earth haughtily; Surely, Allah loves not any arrogant boaster.'
The Promised Messiah (as) has said that some people become arrogant after a few days of prayers, fasting or Zakat. Huzur (aba) said that we should especially pay attention to this in the month of Ramadan.

It was Satan who showed arrogance against Adam and as a result was rejected by God. In reality, this is the fate of every arrogant person.
Therefore, we should look towards the example of humility of Prophet Adam (as) who prayed in the following words (7:24)

Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost.
The Promised Messiah (as) has said that one must be absolutely free of arrogance in order to be spiritually clean. And if you are able to experience a relationship with Allah and acceptance of prayers, you shouldn’t become arrogant; rather try to increase in humility. He said that God is very merciful, but arrogance is a dangerous disease.

One who is afflicted with this disease faces spiritual death. Allah wills that he establishes all true virtues and morals through this Jama’at.
May Allah enable us to stay away from all immoral acts and instill excellent morals within us by following the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (sa).

May Allah enable us to act according to the desires of the Promised Messiah (as).

Ameen