

# Pursuit of Excellence

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# Discussion



Excellence in  
Teaching



Am I an **EXCELLENT** Teacher?





## Excellence in Arabic – “احسان” “Ihsaan”



### Meanings of Ihsaan

- Doing good
- *Pursuit of Excellence*
- Beauty
- Kindness





# Ihsaan - Muhsin

الْمُحْسِن

AL-MUHSIN

THE ONE WHO DOES THINGS PERFECTLY

الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طَبَاقًا ۗ مَا تَرَىٰ فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ  
مِن تَفْوُوتٍ ۗ فَاَرْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ ۗ هَلْ تَرَىٰ مِنْ فُطُورٍ



Prophet Mohammed (s.a.s) said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مُّحْسِنٌ يُحِبُّ الْإِحْسَانَ

Verily! Allah is **Muhsin** and He loves **Ihsaan**




Can I be a *perfect* teacher?





"I hope you really do write to me."  
I finally said as I hugged Lindsay all  
fast and awkward like I used to hug  
teachers on the last day of class  
when I was little and there would  
be a whole line of students ~~behind~~ behind  
me also waiting to get a hug, and we  
were all shy and embarrassed about  
the whole thing.

Forgive people in your life,  
even those who are not sorry  
for their actions, Holding  
on to anger only hurts you,  
not them. Live in peace  
not in pieces.







Nicholas Vuyicic





Bank Balance  
1,000



Bank Balance  
100 Crores



# The Criterion for Humans

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**Efforts** Count  
**Results** Don't

Results are comparative  
Efforts are an individual attribute

“Excellence  
is not being  
the best;

it is doing  
your best.”



Talent 

Disappointment

Outstanding Results 

Mediocracy

Commitment is  
100%  
but results are  
average

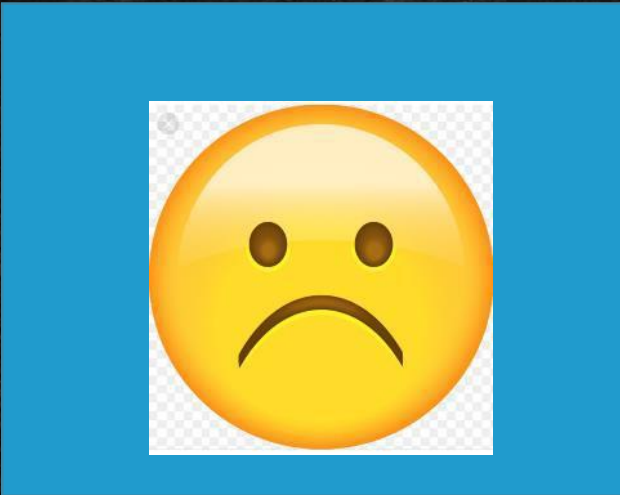
Who is  
Successful?

Effort 





Talent  
(God-Given)



Who is  
Successful?

Effort (Man-Made) 





Excellence is perfection in *Efforts*

What does "*efforts*" mean?



# 1. Learn

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- Right Intention
- Right Method
- Zaaher aur Baatin ka durust hona.

Ex: Teaching, surgery, sports, salah ---  
every single thing











- July 27, 2015, Shillong
- Age – 84 years
- While delivering a lecture at the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong



## 2. Do

- Regardless of resources
- Regardless of rewards
- Regardless of obstacles
  
- Take the task to the logical conclusion



Operation Successful but Patient Died...??"































In just 10 years both  
the cameraman and  
the pilot lost their jobs



AlphabetChart.Net

 a	 b	 c	 d	 e
 f	 g	 h	 i	 j
 k	 l	 m	 n	 o
 p	 q	 r	 s	 t
 u	 v	 w	 x	 y
		 z		

## Alphabet taught to kids nowadays



A: APPLE



B: BLUETOOTH



C: CHAT:



D: DOWNLOAD



E: E MAIL



F: FACEBOOK

Google



H: HEWLETT  
PACKARD



I: Iphone



J: JAVA



K: KINGSTON



L: LAPTOP



M: MESSENGER



N: NERO



O: ORKUT



P; PICASSA



Q: QUICK HEAL



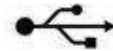
R: RAM



S: SERVER



T: TWITTER



U: USB



V: VISTA



W: WIFI



X: Xp



Y: YOU TUBE



Z: ZORPIA



# The Woodcutter



Day 1



Day 7



Day 30



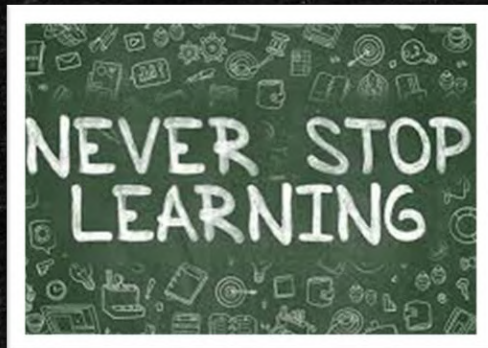
# 3. Improve





# What Does **Effort** Mean?

- **LEARN** – Right Method and right intention
- **DO** – Dedication, Commitment, Logical conclusion, come what may
- **IMPROVE** – Continuous Quality Improvement





HOW?



When **no one** is  
watching





When **teacher**  
is watching





When **Camera**  
is watching



When **ALLAH** is  
watching...??

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ٤  
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HOW?

Meaning of 'Ihsaan' – "احسان" as per hadith-e-Jibrail

فَأَخْبَرَنِي عَنْ إِحْسَانٍ قَالِ

أَنْ تَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ كَأَنَّكَ تَرَاهُ

فَإِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ تَرَاهُ فَإِنَّهُ يَرَاكَ

"Inform me about Ihsan." He (the Messenger of Allah) answered,  
" It is that you should worship Allah as though you could see Him,  
for though you cannot see Him yet He sees you."



*Why?*

Paisa

Praise

Power

Prestige



# Tremendous Glad Tidings in the Quran

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وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِيْنَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ

الْمُحْسِنِينَ

And those who strive in Our way, We will certainly take them to Our paths, and indeed Allah is with those who are good in deeds. ع

سورة العنكبوت 29 آيت نمبر 69 پارہ 21 پارہ رکوع 3 سورة رکوع 7



فَأَثَابَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِمَا قَالُوا جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

So, Allah has awarded them, because of what they said, gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they shall live forever. And that is the reward of the good in deeds.

سورة المائدة 5 آيت نمبر 85 پارہ 7 پارہ رکوع 1 سورة ركوع 11



وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَاسْتَوَىٰ آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا وَكَذَٰلِكَ  
ط

نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ

And when he reached his maturity and became perfect, We gave him wisdom and knowledge. And in this manner We reward those who do good.

سورة القصص 28 آیت نمبر 14 پارہ 20 پارہ رکوع 5 سورة رکوع 2



بَلِي مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ

وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Of course, whosoever submits his self to Allah and is good in deeds has his reward with his Lord, and there shall be no fear for such men, nor shall they grieve. ع

سورة البقرة 2 آيت نمبر 112 پارہ 1 پارہ رکوع 13 سورة رکوع 13



وَاحْسِنُوا<sup>ج</sup> إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ<sup>ج</sup>

And spend in the way of Allah and do not put yourselves into destruction. And do good. Of course, Allah loves those who do good.

سورة البقرة 2 آیت نمبر 195 پارہ 2 پارہ رکوع 8 سورة رکوع 24



الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ فِي السَّرَّاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَالْكُظُمِينَ الْغَيْظِ  
وَالْعَافِينَ عَنِ النَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Those who spend in prosperity and adversity and those who control anger and forgive people. And Allah loves those who do good

سورة آل عمران 3 آيت نمبر 134 پارہ 4 پارہ رکوع 5 سورة رکوع 14



فَاتَهُمُ اللَّهُ ثَوَابَ الدُّنْيَا وَحُسْنَ ثَوَابِ الْآخِرَةِ وَاللَّهُ <sup>ط</sup>

يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

So, Allah gave them the return in this world and also the better rewards in the Hereafter. And Allah loves those who do good. ع

سورة آل عمران 3 آیت نمبر 148 پارہ 4 پارہ رکوع 6 سورة رکوع 15



وَأَمْنُوا ثُمَّ اتَّقُوا وَأَحْسِنُوا وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ط

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There is no sin for those who believe and do good deeds, in what they might have eaten earlier, if they fear Allah and believe and do good deeds, again fear Allah and believe, and still again fear Allah and become good in deeds. And Allah loves those who are good in deeds. ع

سورة المائدة 5 آیت نمبر 93 پارہ 7 پارہ رکوع 2 سورة رکوع 12



إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ

Surely, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are good in deeds. ع

سورة النحل 16 آيت نمبر 128 پارہ 14 پارہ رکوع 22 سورة رکوع 16



وَكَذَلِكَ مَكَّنَّا لِيُوسُفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَتَّبِعُوا مِنْهَا حَيْثُ يَشَاءُ<sup>ط</sup>  
نُصِيبُ بِرَحْمَتِنَا مَنْ نَشَاءُ<sup>ج</sup> وَلَا نُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ<sup>ج</sup>

And thus We gave Yusuf (عليه السلام) power in the land. He could settle there wherever he wished. We extend Our mercy to whomsoever We will, and We do not waste the reward of those who are good in deeds.



إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Certainly, this is how We reward those who are good in deeds.

سورة الصافات 37 آيت نمبر 80 پارہ 23 پارہ رکوع 7 سورة رکوع 3

Nearly 10 times



What? -- Excellence is perfection in *Efforts*

How? -- Khuda ka Istehzaar

Why? -- وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ



وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا

وَطَمَعًا إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

And do no mischief on the earth after it has been set in order. And supplicate to Him in fear and hope. Surely, the mercy of Allah is close to the good in deeds.

سورة الأعراف 7 آيت نمبر 56 پارہ 8 پارہ رکوع 14 سورة رکوع 7



# Summary

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- Excellence means best possible *efforts*
- Efforts Count – Results Don't
- Efforts
  - Learn
  - Do
  - Improve
- Khuda ka Istehzaar
- In-ajriya illaa alallaah



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# جزاك الله خيراً

*May Allah reward you with goodness.*