

## Basic Characteristics of Educators in Educating Children According to Islam



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**ABSTRACT:** The basic idea of this writing is from Abdullah Nasih Ulwan's view of "Basic Characteristics of Educators in Educating Children According to Islam." Abdullah Nasih Ulwan's views are based on the basic principles of education in Islam. The purpose of this writing is to find out the basic characteristics that must be possessed by educators in educating their students. Education is the main factor for social change. To form noble character, education is needed as a foundation in life so that it is directed in achieving life goals. An important factor that is very concerned about in Islam is the education of children, because the progress of a nation depends on how the nation educates its students. The basic qualities that must be possessed by the first educators are sincerity, piety, knowledge, patience, and a sense of responsibility. The greater the efforts of an educator in carrying out his responsibilities, the greater the fruit of his education.

**KEYWORDS:** Sincerity, Piety, Knowledge, Patience, Responsibility

### A. INTRODUCTION

Based on current developments in science and technology, education is the basis that shapes children's character. Education is the main factor for social change. To form noble character, education is needed as a foundation in life so that it is directed in achieving life goals. To achieve all of this requires a process that is not easy through parenting and education. Formal and informal education is one of the goals for maturing children. The behavior of an educator or parent greatly influences a child's behavior. In general, children will not behave well if their educators or parents behave badly. It is appropriate for educators or parents to carry out education with different nuances. In (HR. Muslim) explains that people who neglect people who are cared for will get sin.

A good educator always wants his students to have a noble personality, strong in faith, physically, mentally and socially. An important factor that is very concerned about in Islam is the education of children, because the progress of a nation depends on how the nation educates its students. The word of Allah SWT in the surah (ar-Rum: 4-5), the contents of the verse informing those who believe, Allah SWT will help whomever He wills, because Allah is Mighty, Most Merciful.

In general, an educator must have basic characteristics, including: sincerity, piety, knowledge, patience, and a sense of responsibility. Educational tasks such as orders and prohibitions, rewards and punishments, advice and attention, which are included in the didactic-methodical, pedagogical, and psychological aspects. For this reason, an educator must know the rules in educating so as to be able to shape the character of his students well. Children's education is an effort made by adults in developing, maintaining, and maintaining children's intelligence and morals to develop and become better. (Dede Darisman, 2014).

### B. LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 1. Sincerity

Ikhlas according to language means clean, holy, and protected from anything so that it is not dirty, meaning that those who are sincere in carrying out a worship, are clean from interests other than the pleasure of Allah SWT (Semiotika et al., 2022). To carry out these obligations, of course, parents must pay attention to things that can affect the physical and psychological growth and development of children. (April & Hamid, 2022). Being sincere and accepting the decree of Allah SWT is not easy, but we must accept gracefully the destiny given by Allah SWT. (Fandholi, 2016)

The Word of Allah SWT in the Surah (al-Kahf: 110), The contents of the verse are Anyone who wants to meet His Lord, he must do good deeds and may not associate partners with Allah SWT. When we do charity we should not hope for humans, but we hope

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only for Allah SWT.

### 2. Piety

Piety is the sure result and the natural fruit of a deep feeling of faith, connected with the supervision of Allah SWT, always remembering Him, fearing His wrath and punishment, and desperately hoping for His forgiveness and reward. In syar'i (religion) language, piety keeps oneself from everything that Allah SWT has forbidden, and carries out everything that He commands. (Mu'in, 2017). Waqa-wiqayah is the root word of piety which means to maintain and guard. (Saichon, 2017). In Surah (Ali Imran: 102), Allah SWT orders believers to fear Allah SWT truthfully and may not die but die in a state of being a Muslim. And in the sura (ath-Thalaaq: 2-3), it explains that anyone who fears Allah SWT, Allah SWT will provide a way out and provide unexpected sustenance.

### 3. Science

Knowledgeable, namely having knowledge or intelligence (Rizki et al., n.d.). The poet said: Do not take knowledge other than experts, with knowledge we live, and with our souls we save. According to scholars, knowledge is a steady belief in accordance with beliefs and is obtained from a proposition (Azka & Huda, 2012). In the Surah (az-Zumar: 9), there is a difference between knowledgeable people and people who are not knowledgeable. In the Surah (al-Mujadilah:11), Allah SWT will give knowledge and exalt those who believe. The Hadith of the Prophet SAW in (HR. Tirmidhi), suggests that someone who goes out to study knowledge until he returns, means he is on the path of Allah SWT. In (HR. Muslim), whoever seeks knowledge, then Allah SWT will make it easy for him to go to heaven. And in (HR. Tirmidzi), explaining about the World and its sides will not be cursed for people who remember Allah SWT and obey Him, as well as people who are knowledgeable or studying knowledge.

### 4. Patience

Patience according to Rasulullah SAW in the book Wasiyatul Musthofa has three signs: patience for obedience to Allah SWT, patience when you get a disaster, and patience to accept the destiny of Allah SWT. Aliah, also revealed that patience is the trait of being able to endure suffering or being tested in serving and following the commands of Allah SWT (Hasan & Aliah, 2008)(Saepulloh, 2020). The word of Allah SWT in surah (al-A'raaf: 199), calls to be a forgiving person, do what is right and not be with stupid people. In the surah (Fushshilat: 34), Allah SWT orders to reject evil in a better way. The hadith of the Prophet SAW in (HR. Bukhari and Muslim), a great person is someone who is able to control himself when angry, not someone who is able to fight. From Aisyah ra, the Prophet SAW said: in (HR. Bukhari and Muslim), Allah SWT is the Most Gentle Substance who loves tenderness.

### 5. Responsibility

Human awareness of behavior and actions is the meaning of responsibility. it can also be said the condition of being obliged to bear everything. The sense of responsibility is to understand humans as social beings and high and low morals. Morals in this case are divided into two types, namely commendable morals (mahmudah) or noble morals (karimah), and bad morals which are often known as madzmumah (disgraceful) morals. (Sanusi, 2020)

Every child born brings their own potential. The family is very influential on the formation of a child's personality. The obligation of parents or educators is to direct the nature that has been ingrained since birth (Maksum, 2016). Children's potential needs to be explored and developed. Exploring potential through children's education. Education has the meaning of processing one's potentials to become more humane (Mukodi, 2019). In education, three important aspects must be met, namely cognitive, psychomotor and affective aspects (Mansur, 2009). In other words, education is the main means of transportation throughout a child's life in the world. Through education, humans can develop rapidly according to the times. (Amaliati, 2020).

The importance of exemplary in educating is a message from the Qur'an, because exemplary is the most important part of character education. One good deed that is exemplified is better than a thousand words spoken, as Allah SWT gives examples of the deeds of the prophets and disobedient people complete with the consequences that occurred, so that we can take lessons from the examples given by Allah SWT. In Surah (at-Tahriim: 6), Allah SWT calls on believers to protect themselves and their families from the fires of hell. In Surah (ash-Shaffat: 24), Allah SWT will ask him in the afterlife at the place of rest. And in Surah (an-Nahl: 93), Allah SWT will ask you in the hereafter about what you did in this world.

## C. METHOD

This writing method is a Literature Review which is the main reference is a book by Abdullah Nasih Ulwan entitled Tarbiyatul Aulad fil Islam. The data collection method is from the Tarbiyatul Aulad fil Islam book which is translated into Indonesian. Writing techniques using descriptive techniques.

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### D. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The national education system aspires to the formation of complete Muslim women, namely quality Indonesian Muslims while maintaining the nation's noble culture. (Rizal & Lutfi, 2021). An educator as a teacher at school or as a parent at home must have the basic qualities that must be possessed by educators, so that children form individuals who have good and strong characters. When an educator is able to have basic characteristics in children's education, whether he realizes it or not he has made a major contribution to the development of a nation and state that has good and strong character. The basic qualities that must be possessed by the first educators are sincerity, piety, knowledge, patience, and a sense of responsibility.

#### 1. Sincere

Sincerity is the secret of the heart only Allah SWT knows. Ikhlas means sincere. A sincere person has signs, namely: not giving up easily, kind and gentle, istiqomah and likes to help others who are more in need. Sincere people, people who carry out worship, are clean from interests other than the pleasure of Allah SWT, they do it only because of Allah SWT.

To carry out the task of educating, an educator begins with sincere intentions only because of Allah SWT. That way, educators can carry out educational methods on an ongoing basis, following step by step the development of children's education. Sincerity is emphasized in the Qur'an and the Hadith of the Prophet SAW. In Surah (Al-Bayyinah: 5), Allah SWT commands to worship Allah SWT and obey Him in practicing the straight religion by establishing prayer, and paying zakat. The hadith of the Prophet SAW narrated by Abu Daud and Nasa'i Rasulullah SAW also said that Allah SWT will not accept any charity except those who are sincere only because of Allah SWT. In (HR. Bukhari and Muslim), every deed depends on its intention, and everyone will get what is intended. Ikhlas is the main condition for acceptance of deeds of worship by Allah SWT.

Examples of the application of sincerity in everyday life: helping friends, cleaning the house or school, giving assistance, helping disaster victims.

#### 2. Piety

We often hear the word piety in everyday life. In the world of education, piety has a very important position. Piety is carrying out His commands and staying away from His prohibitions. According to some scholars, Allah SWT will not see you in a place where He has forbidden you to be there, and He will not lose you in a place where He has ordered you to be there. According to some other scholars, piety also means preventing the punishment of Allah SWT by doing good deeds and fearing Allah SWT both physically and mentally. Taqwa is maintaining and guarding. Piety means keeping oneself from everything that is forbidden by Allah SWT, and carrying out everything that is ordered by Allah SWT.

All of these opinions lead to one understanding, namely preventing the punishment of Allah SWT by always feeling that Allah SWT is watching him, being committed to the rabbani system both physically and mentally, and always exerting all one's abilities to achieve what is lawful and avoid what is unlawful. The fear is the most important part. Fear arises from having faith in Allah SWT, so that awareness grows to glorify His position and obey Him. People who fear Allah SWT, will be very observant of their movements and behavior, because they are aware of His supervision. In the surah (Al-Ahzaab: 70), Allah SWT orders believers to fear Allah SWT and orders them to speak the truth.

In Q.S Al-Hajj verse 1 which means: "O people, fear your Lord; Indeed, the shock of the Day of Judgment is a very big (dreadful) event" (Kamaliyah & Arifin, 2021). In (HR. Thabrani) From Nu'man bin Basyir the content of the hadith is that Rasulullah SAW ordered to fear Allah SWT and to treat their children fairly, like children who are devoted to their parents.

Educators belong to the main group addressed by the contents of the orders and directions of the Prophet SAW, so that they can become role models for their students. Educators are the main person in charge of children's education which is founded on the foundation of faith and signs in Islam. If educators do not embody the value of piety and commitment to the Islamic system in their behavior and association, children will undoubtedly grow above deviations and fall into error and ignorance, because those who guide and give directions have been contaminated with various acts of evil. Thus the child will grow up without feeling that there are obstacles from Allah SWT and supervision from Allah SWT, and there is no commitment in his heart, the child will be tarnished and deviated.

Therefore educators must understand the nature of educating children, if they want goodness, guidance and improvement for their children and students, as well as cleanliness and purity for the world, and become role models for their students.

Examples of the application of piety in everyday life: praying 5 times a day, carrying out habits related to worship and many more.

#### 3. Science

In addition to sincerity and piety, an educator must be knowledgeable, so that he can know the basics of education applied by Islamic law. With knowledge, an educator can master lawful and unlawful matters, understand moral principles, Islamic order in general, and legal principles. All of this is the provision of an educator to put things in their place, educate children with the basics

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and consequences, so that they walk on the path of improvement and on the basis of strong Islamic teachings, according to the instructions of the Prophet Muhammad SAW as a noble example from the history of the first generation, which consists of the companions of Rasulullah SAW and the tabi'in. Knowledgeable, namely having knowledge or intelligence, a person with knowledge means someone who has knowledge and intelligence. (Rizki et al., n.d.)

If educators do not have knowledge, especially knowledge regarding the basic principles of children's education, then the child will stagnate in spirit, deviate from his morals, and have a weak social sense. He will lose something valuable, so he can't give it to others. Like the words of a dry lake that makes it impossible to provide water to those who need it, and he also loses a guiding lamp so that it is impossible to illuminate his surroundings. In fact, the existence of disputes and contradictions between fathers and mothers can have a large negative impact, such as causing suffering, psychological problems and complications in children (Al Vice, 2020)

Exemplary in education is the most effective and quite successful way of preparing children in terms of morals, forming them mentally and socially. This is because educators are role models and idols in the eyes of children and good examples in the eyes of children. (Qurrota, 2016). Parents are obliged to educate well in the hope that children will benefit the family, religion and country (Khotimah, 2022). The main tasks of parents in education are to instill faith, equip children with knowledge, teach good morals, and teach children to worship.

An appeal to seek knowledge is contained in the Qur'an, one of which is in the Surah (Al-Mujadilah: 11) which contains the verse that Allah SWT will exalt those who believe with knowledge to several degrees. In Surah (Thaha: 114), the content of the verse asks Allah SWT to add knowledge. While the hadith of the Prophet SAW in (HR. Muslim). the contents of the hadith are "Who seeks knowledge, then Allah SWT will make it easy for him to go to heaven." Hadith (HR.Ibnu Majah), the content of the hadith is "Every Muslim is obliged to seek knowledge."

Examples of the application of knowledge in everyday life: behaving nobly, not showing off, not arrogant.

### 4. Be patient

Patience can be interpreted as enduring. Patience can also be interpreted as calm and resistant in the face of trials, not giving up, or heartbreak. Patience is the most important virtue in the soul and morals, which makes humans have ethics and morals. A person can be said to be patient according to the Prophet in the book Wasiyatul Musthofa compiled by Imam Asy Syaran, if that person has three signs, namely: being patient in obedience to Allah SWT, being patient when you get a disaster, and patiently accepting the destiny of Allah SWT.

One form of being patient is to surrender a problem only to Allah SWT by getting closer to Allah SWT by doing worship. According to Aliah, patience is the trait of being able to stand the test of serving and following the commands of Allah SWT which encourages a careful attitude in dealing with something (Hasan & Aliah, 2008) (Saepulloh, 2020).

The motivation to have patience is found in the Qur'an, one of which is the Word of Allah in the Surah (Ali Imran: 134) the contents of which are "Allah SWT likes those who spend their wealth, and those who hold back their anger, and forgive those who who did wrong. In the hadith of the Prophet SAW (HR.Muslim), "Rasulullah saw, said to Asyaj Abdul Qays, "There are two things in you that are loved by Allah Ta'ala: patient and gentle."

Inside (HR. Bukhari and Muslim), "Make it easy, don't make it difficult! Have fun, don't make a run!"

Examples of the application of patience in everyday life: accept gracefully if his opinion is not accepted,

### 5. Sense of Responsibility

In addition to sincerity, piety, knowledge, and patience, an educator must also instill a sense of responsibility. Responsibility is a condition to be obliged to bear everything. The sense of responsibility is to understand humans as social beings and high and low morals. The potential of each child has been innate since birth. The potential of children needs to be developed through education so that they become children with noble character. If parents are less aware of and pay less attention to the development of their children, it will have an impact on the future of their children.

The sense of great responsibility in educating should be instilled in their feelings, by educating children's faith and behavior, as well as in shaping the physical and mental, as well as in preparing their social sense. His feelings will always be a driving force to always supervise and pay attention to children, as well as to direct, familiarize and educate them. If an educator underestimates the supervision, then the child will do damage little by little. Effective child education methods to be applied to children's education include exemplary methods, education with habits, giving advice, attention methods, and methods of giving punishment. The method of advice contains three elements, namely, a description of the good and the truth that must be done (for example regarding ethics), the motivation to do good, and a warning about sins, dangers, the consequences that will occur when doing forbidden things. Habits of noble character are cultivated from childhood, so that in the future they become human

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beings with good morals (Hodijah et al., 2019). The purpose of education is also to improve human beings as servants who serve and receive the blessing of Allah SWT.

A thorough understanding of the responsibilities of faith should be based on the instructions of Rasulullah SAW in conveying the basics of faith to his children, namely teachings that tend to the teachings of monotheism. Because the teachings of monotheism are in accordance with reason and lead them to sound thoughts. Humans were created by Allah in a state of monotheism, Islamic religion, and good and righteous nature. Faith education, moral education, social education starts from within the family (Sudiapermana & Introduction, 2009).

There are several verses in the Qur'an and the hadith of the Prophet SAW as instructions and motivation for educators to carry out their responsibilities to their students. All of this is intended so that educators know the magnitude of the responsibility they carry. In Surah (Thaaha: 132), Allah SWT commands your family to establish prayer and be patient in doing it. The hadith of the Prophet SAW which contains Allah SWT will ask every leader about his leadership and also ask about leadership in leading his family (HR. Ibnu Hibban).

Anyone who has the status of an educator, whether it's a teacher at a madrasa or a parent at home, must take responsibility as well as possible. If responsibility is belittled or ignored, it will be difficult for him to be accountable before Allah SWT. Parents and educators have a very big responsibility for children's education, the focus is character education. Character education is a very basic education to deal with current educational problems. Children's education is a heavy responsibility and a great mandate, and a human being, whoever he is, must fulfill the mandate to those who are entitled to receive it.

A thorough understanding of the responsibilities of faith should Educators have a great responsibility in educating children from childhood to always adhere to noble ethics and familiarize themselves with the principles of a strong soul that are born from the eternal Islamic creed and emanate from deep feelings. . So that in life have good morals and good behavior as well. The greater the efforts of an educator in carrying out his responsibilities, the greater the fruit of his education.

Islam has provided principles and methodologies to achieve the goal of forming and guiding a human child, by finding exemplary sides of his personality that can be developed in the next stages of life. (Atabik & Burhanuddin, 2016). Examples of implementing a sense of responsibility: doing the five daily prayers, doing homework, carrying out rules at home and at the madrasa and many more.

## E. CONCLUSION

Education of children is an important factor that is highly considered in Islam. Many rules or educational methods contained in Islam. Even though the principles in Islam have existed for a long time, these principles are still relevant to be applied in formal and non-formal education. The content in Islamic principles when applied in education, children will grow and develop into children with noble character.

Anyone who has the status of an educator, whether it's a teacher at a madrasa or a parent at home, must take responsibility as well as possible. If responsibility is belittled or ignored, it will be difficult for him to be accountable before Allah SWT. Therefore an educator must have the basic characteristics of an educator. These basic qualities include: sincerity, piety, knowledge, patience, and a sense of responsibility. The greater the efforts of an educator in carrying out his responsibilities, the greater the fruit of his education. Children's education is a heavy responsibility and a great mandate, and a human being, whoever he is, must fulfill the mandate to those who are entitled to receive it.

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