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Today, we got a reminder of death which we very often forget about; a 20-year-old brother from my community perished in a car accident.

I know we all love speed, excitement and the high adrenaline levels that driving brings with it, but it is important for us to be constantly reminded:

Our bodies are a *trust*
Our *trust* is a *responsibility*
Our *responsibility* is executing the *mission*
Our *mission* is *submission*
Our *submission* is through our *deeds*
Our *deeds* are based on *intentions*
Our *intentions* are based on *knowledge*
Our *knowledge* is based on the *Quran*
Our *Quran* gives us a *parable*
Our *parable* is to walk modestly

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“And the [true] servants of the Most Gracious are [only] they who walk gently on earth, and who, whenever the foolish address them, they reply saying peace”

Excessive speeding, or driving irrationally is not driving with the correct intentions, but rather with the intentions of challenging the laws of wisdom, the laws of engineering, the laws of modesty, the laws of tranquility. Excessive speeding is the intention of bragging, fame, glamor and pride.

Allah (glorified and exalted be He) says in the chapter of the Prophets (Al-Anbiya):

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“Man has been created of haste; but in time I (Allah) shall make it clear to you my signs, so hasten not “

Allah (glorified and exalted be He) commands us to not hasten, and tells us a fact that we were created to have a tendency to be hasty, so take heed, and do not hasten, indeed Allah will show us His signs. In a week or two, finals will be over, which meets the time to hang out together and staying up late, running around town in our cars is approaching. Shall we let Shaytan trick us into this ignorance of racing and speeding? Will we fall into the trap of trying to elude police by installing radars, or the trap of showing off to our buddies the greatest spin and the latest braking techniques? Shall we use our wisdom to

protect the trust and responsibility we have been given, or shall we break our mother's hearts and propagate the tears of a young nephew?

Lets not fool ourselves... being cool does not mean being a fool. Let's not call upon things that appear to us to be cool, when in fact they are a spool of loss. Allah (SWT) created us and describes how we stirve for things in this beuatiful Ayah in the chapter of the cave (Al-Kahf):

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“An man-kind calls for things that are bad as if he were calling for something that is good: for man is prone to be hasty (in decisions and actions)”

Wisdom and maturity are signs of belief, as we recall from the duaa that the Prophet made to one of the disbelievers when he became a Muslim. The prophet made duaa for him that Allah gives him wisdom, and Allah (SWT) gives us the best of advice in the chapter of the Cow (Al-Baqara) commanding us to call upon Him so that we may be from among the wise:

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“And If My servants ask thee about Me – behold, I am near; I respond to the call of him who calls, whenever he calls unto Me: let them, then, respond unto Me, and believe in Me, so that they might wisely be guided.”

Our brother’s departure brings tears and heavy hearts not only to his mother and father, siblings, cousins and grandparents, but also to his nephews, nieces, classmates and those who used to see him prostrate to his Lord, and those who used to hear him recite the best of words, and many other little hands and voices who used to play with him...

May Allah grant us all wisdom, patience and guidance and make us from among the best of submitters.