

Understanding this one Aya (Verse) of Quran achieves a great measure of peace and tranquility in life:

وَلَا تَتَمَنَّوْا مَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بِهِ بَعْضَكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ لِّلرِّجَالِ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا
اَكْتَسَبُوا وَلِلنِّسَاءِ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا اَكْتَسَبْنَ وَاسْأَلُوا اللَّهَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ
بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

Do not covet [wish/desire] what Allah has conferred more abundantly on some of you than others. Men shall have a share according to what they have earned, and women shall have a share according to what they have earned. Do ask of Allah His bounty. Allah has full knowledge of everything.⁵

[Surah Nisa Aya 32]

This verse embodies a very important directive. By heeding it, man would be able to achieve a great measure of peace and tranquility. Allah has not created all men alike. Some are handsome while others are ugly. The voices of some are sweet and those of others repulsive. Some are physically strong others are weak. Some have sound limbs others have inherent deformities. Some possess outstanding physical and mental abilities while others lack them. Some are born in favorable circumstances and others not. Some have been endowed with more resources than others. It is this diversity which gives variety to human civilization, and hence serves a useful purpose. Whenever man superimposes distinctions of his own over and above this natural inequality he disrupts the natural order of

things, and paves the way for corruption. Likewise, when anyone attempts to obliterate all differences between human beings he in fact engages in a war against nature and inflicts wrongs of another kind. Man is naturally inclined to feel uneasy whenever he sees someone else ahead of him. This is the root of jealousy and envy, of cut-throat competition and animosity, of mutual strife and conflict. These feelings often obsess a person to such a degree that whenever fair means do not prove effective, he resorts to unfair means to achieve his ambitions. In the present verse, Allah directs us not to allow this kind of mentality to take hold of us. The import of the directive is that one should not yearn for the good that Allah has bestowed on others. One should rather pray to Allah to bestow upon one the good which is in one's best interests according to Allah's wisdom and knowledge.

The statement in the Aya that “men shall have a share according to what they have earned and women shall have a share according to what they have earned” has two interpretations.

1) That men and women shall have their shares of good and evil, depending on the good and evil they have earned in using the resources bestowed upon them by Allah

2) According to Musnad Ahmed [Vol 6, page 322]. This Aya was revealed in response to a question by Umma Salama when she asked the Question that men take part in Jihad and get Martyred, we are deprived of these kinds of privileges, and our inheritance share is half of that men. Allah response to this is that Allah has given physical strength to men according to His own wisdom and intention that's why they participate and fight in the cause of Allah and other hard physical work and this is special favor of His to men. By seeing this women should not wish of doing these work exclusively designed by Allah for men. Though they should

perform work in matters related to earning Allah's pleasure and obeying Him. In this field whatever they will earn will get full equal reward as men. In addition they should ask for Allah's bounty because the difference between men and women due to ability, physical strength, and emotions are Allah's firm decision and that cannot be changed by wishful thinking; however these deficiencies can be overcome by requesting more bounties from Him as His Mercy and bounties are limitless.