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The Important of the Family Roles in Building the Children's Character

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Abstract. The family has an essential role in education, both in the community since the family is the first place where a child grows up and gets influenced by its members at a critical time in a child's education. Family is the first environment for children. The child's development in the family is determined by the situation, the family conditions, and the parents' experiences because in the family there is a natural mutual interaction based on responsibility so that a whole and solid unity will appear. Cultivating religious values such as faith, worship, honesty, and other noble principles; and Providing supervision actions for children's behavior.

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A. INTRODUCTION

The nation character is a fundamental aspect of the quality of human resources because its quality determines the nation progress. A quality character needs to be formed from an early age that is a critical time for the formation of a person's character (Sunarni, 2018; Park, 2004).

Character is the absolute answer to creating a better life in society. Character is the values of human behavior related to God Almighty, oneself, fellow human beings, the environment, and nationality embodied in thoughts, attitudes, feelings, words, and actions based on religious norms, laws, manners, culture, and customs (Dianto, 2021; Rahim, 2013).

In the Indonesian encyclopedia is stated that the character is the whole aspect of feeling and willingness to appear as a habit, in the way of reacting to the outside world, and in the ideals desired. In psychological terms, character is temperament, special trait which remains continuous and permanent that can be used as a feature to identify a person (Rokhman et al., 2019; Marini, 2017; Marini, 2018).

Meanwhile, according to the Big Indonesian Dictionary, Character is the inner nature of a person that affects all his thoughts and behavior. The character can also mean character or habit. Character education can be interpreted as forming a person's habits, temperament, and personality by cultivating noble values, so that these values take root in the flesh, unite in the heart, thoughts, speech, and actions, and show their influence in reality of life. It is easy to be realized, on his own will, original and sincere only because of Allah SWT (Sokip et al., 2019; Ferdiawan & Putra, 2013).

This character formation process should start from childhood, from the end of breastfeeding until the child is six or seven years old. This time includes a delicate time for the development of language skills, ways of thinking, and socialization of children. In it, the process of forming the child's soul takes place, which is the basis of his mental and moral security. According to law number 20 of 2003 about the national education system article 13 paragraph 1, the education path consists of formal, informal, and non-formal education that

can complement and enrich each other. In the national education system, the family is an informal education or out-of-school education.

The family has an essential role in education, both in Islamic and non-Islamic societies. Because the family is the first place where a child grows up, where he gets influenced by its members at a meaningful and critical time in a child's education, namely the first years of his or her life (preschool age). Because at that time what is implanted in the child will leave a deep impression, it is not easy to disappear or change afterward. From here, the family has a huge role in the development of society. Because the family is the foundation stone of the first building to print and prepare its personnel. In this case, family education is one of the relevant aspects, because the beginning of the formation and development of a child's behavior or personality, or soul is through the education process in the family environment. This environment is the first time that a child's character is formed.

B. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The family is a small unit in a society consisting of father, mother, and children, and has an important role. A family is a well-known unit whose role is very large because the family has a very important function in the continuation of community life, the process of knowing the values that are embraced for the first time obtained in the family. Family is the first and main environment for children, the development of a child in the family is determined by the situation and conditions of his family and the experiences of his parents. Because in the family there is a natural mutual interaction based on responsibility so that a whole and solid unity will appear. It is from this family that society will be formed, and the good or bad of society is determined by harmony and compatibility within the family. Family is the bond between men and women based on the law and the law of valid marriage. Family education instructs us to seek true knowledge because it leads children toward righteous deeds. According to educators, the family is the first field of education and the educators are the parents. Parents (father and mother) are natural educators. The role of the father and mother is very decisive because they are the ones who hold the responsibility for the whole family and they are also the ones who decide where the family will be taken to be determined by them.

According to Soelaeman, in a psychological sense, a family is a group of people who live together in a shared residence and each member feels an inner connection so that they influence each other, pay attention to each other, and submit to each other. While in the pedagogical sense, the family is "one" living fellowship that is woven by the love between two types of human beings that is strengthened by marriage, which means perfecting each other and includes the realization of the role and function as parents. The integrity of the parents in a family is necessary for developing children to have and to develop the principles of self-discipline.

The family is the first and main container for the growth and development of children. If the atmosphere in the family is good and pleasant, then the child will grow well. If not, the child's growth will be stunted. The role of the mother in the family is very important. She is the one who organizes, makes her household a paradise for family members, and becomes an equal partner who loves each other with her husband.

The Parent's Roles in Family

The role of father and mother as taught by Islam will be strengthened in the Muslim community. Similarly, the child's appreciation will be strengthened by the customs in the community. The role of the mother in the family is very important. She is the one who organizes, makes her household a paradise for family members, and becomes an equal

partner who loves each other with her husband. As a wife, she should be wise, knowing her rights and obligations that have been determined by her religion. There is no need to question how big a mother's role is in the family and in educating her children. Although it is still indirect (indirect education), the mother has played a very important role when the child is still in the womb. When we look at the demands of Islamic shari'a, the mother occupies a very high position, several degrees above the father. So high is the status of a mother that the Prophet SAW said that heaven is in the palm of a mother's feet.

Next is dad. As the leader of the family, the father figure should present the nuances of peace, tranquility, and love for each member of the family. The father must also be able to solve the problems that befall his family members, including material problems. Fathers are the main helper for children, both boys, and girls if they want to approach and understand their child's heart. Father is considered to be the person who has the most obligation to overcome problems related to material fulfillment because he is considered to have the most external strength or ability that is useful to dig every source of wealth that is around him.

Meanwhile, the mother is more prominent in the tenderness and strength of inner feelings. These two things are very powerful weapons to educate and love their children. Therefore, it is very suitable to have a role as a madrasah for his family. With the advantages of love that he has, it is hoped that the child will grow up in peace and understand what it feels like to be loved and loved.

The Parents` Responsibility in Educating the Children

The family is the first environment for children to gain influence. The family was founded as an educational institution since humans existed. Father and mother in the family as educators, and children as their students. On the other hand, family is an informal education which has task is to lay the foundations for the development of the next child so that the child can develop well.

In the process of educating children, sometimes parents are harsh. For example, at the age of seven, parents remind their children to pray and at the age of ten, parents can hit them when the child does not pray, but with the note of hitting them more safely and less harshly.

When the child is made a Muslim by his parents then the child must carry out his obligations as a Muslim. One of them is to be devoted to his parents.

Parents are role models for their children. Every child first admires his parents. All the behavior of the parents is imitated by the child. Therefore, role modeling is very necessary. For example, when the father recites the basmalah while eating, the children imitate that. When the parents pray, the children are also invited to pray, even if they do not yet know the way and the recitation.

The responsibility of parents that cannot be transferred to their children is to provide education so that the child can grow into a good person, with morals and character according to Islamic teachings. the responsibility of parents towards their children appears in various forms. Broadly speaking, when detailed, the responsibility of parents towards their children is to rejoice at the birth of their child, give them a good name, treat them with gentleness and love, instill a sense of love for their children, provide moral education, instill the belief of monotheism, train children to work praying, being fair, paying attention to children's friends, respecting children, providing entertainment, preventing free acts, keeping children away from pornographic matters, placing them in a good environment, introducing relatives to children, educating neighbors and socializing.

The Parents` Role in Building Children`s Character

As has been explained before, the family is an environment as well as a means of non-formal education that is closest to the child, its contribution to the success of the child's education is quite large. Role according to Soejono Soekanto is a dynamic aspect of position (status). When a person performs the rights and obligations according to his position then he performs a role. A role is an action performed by a person that is related to the obligations he carries.

From the definition above, if it is linked to the role of parents, it shows that the role is the tasks that must be performed by a person following the rights and obligations that must be fulfilled to fulfill the function that it carries. Concerning the role of parents, it can be concluded that the role refers more to institutional (family) activities, meaning that parents who play a role in principle carry out tasks in the family.

A role is a part played by a person or an action performed by a person in an event other than that according to the National Department of Education "a role is a set of behavior that is expected or owned by a person who is sufficient in society, a role is mainly determined by individual characteristics that are special or special".

The role of parents is the actions or deeds of a person in carrying out his rights and obligations as the holder of a certain position and position in the family. The family is the only social system accepted by all societies, both religious and non-religious. The family has various roles, positions, and positions in the middle of society.

As the smallest institution of society, the family also has a very important and quite extensive role. From this family grew an advanced society, a modern civilization, and other developments, including human character. For children, the family is the first environment to grow and develop, both physically and psychologically. Therefore, the family has a very important role in the child to build an educational foundation that is decisive for him in following further educational processes.

A lot of things such as the role of parents:

1. As an educator
Parents need to cultivate their children the importance of education and the knowledge they get from school. Apart from that, religious and moral values, especially honesty, need to be instilled in their children from an early age as a supply and a fortress to face the changes that occur.
2. As a motivator
As a child facing a time of transition, children need parental encouragement to grow courage and self-confidence in facing problems.
3. As a role model
Parents need to set an example and role model for their children in speaking honestly and in daily life and community.
4. As a friend
In dealing with a child who is facing a time of transition, Parents need to be more patient and understanding about their children's changes. Parents can be a source, conversation partners or friends to exchange ideas about the children's difficulties or problems. Thus, they feel comfortable and protected.
5. As a Supervisor
Parents have to see and supervise the child's attitude and behavior so that he does not stray far from his identity, especially from the influence of the environment both from the family, school, and community environment.

6. As a Counselor

Parents can provide an overview and consideration of positive and negative values so that children are able to make the best decisions.

As a social group, the family has a structure consisting of a father, a mother, and children. If one part of the structure is missing, the family can be said to be incomplete. However, its integrity is not only seen from the framework but also from the interaction.

C. CONCLUSION

Paying serious attention to the various needs and behavior of the child, providing the best example in speech, behavior, and how to get along with others, providing a sense of security, peace, coolness, and harmony in the atmosphere of household life. Then, inculcating religious values such as faith, worship, honesty, and other noble principles. As well as providing supervision actions for good child behavior at home, and outside the home so that active communication between family members is developed.

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