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To get the best of Ramadan, one needs to prepare well and put the plan before Ramadan knocks the door without being ready to receive it. It is the month of the year, and the actual loser is the one who witnesses Ramadan without being forgiven in it as narrated from the Prophet (peace be upon him).

The tips below discuss how to make actual and useful preparation for Ramadan.

- 1- Supplicate Allah to prolong your life to attend Ramadan, bless it for you, accept your good deeds in it and forgive your shortcomings.
- 2- Make a sincere repentance from all sins and evil deeds, regret them, and ask Allah to help you not to turn again to them.
- 3- Keep away from the misdeeds that displease Allah and incur his Wrath upon you.
- 4- Always renew your repentance to Allah and your commitment with Him.
- 5- Strive to observe the obligatory prayers at their due times in congregation so that it will be easy for you to continue on this in and after Ramadan.
- 6- If you are not in the habit of offering the supererogatory prayers, try to do some of them and move on to do all of them.
- 7- Rectify your intention, make all your actions sincerely to Allah, the Almighty, Alone.
- 8- As the utmost goal of fasting is attaining *Taqwa* (righteousness and fear of God), facilitate its realization by the different means of *Taqwa*, such as remembering Allah, reading about the stories of the earlier generations, contemplation on the Qu`ran, thinking about death and the Hereafter, and so on.

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9- Abandon TV series and movies that include prohibited scenes.

10- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, etc. use up most of our free time. From now on, give Qur'an, Dhikr, Salah, etc. the greater time to prepare for the month of Qur'an and Salah; Ramadan.

11- Recitation of the Qur'an in Ramadan is the month's worship, so make the Qur'an your companion by starting recitation from now and learning the rules of Tajwid.

12- If you have a missed fast from the former Ramadan, make up for them in Sha`ban, as Lady `A'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) used to do.

13- Accustom yourself to long du`aa' (supplication), memorize some of the reported supplications of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and remember that the supplication of the fasting person is accepted.

14- Accustom yourself to long stay in the mosque after each Prayer, in preparation for *i`tikaf* in Ramadan.

15- Follow the Prophet's example in fasting in Sha`ban, as he used to fast most of the month of Sha`ban. Do not forget that this makes fasting in Ramadan easy for you.

16-Save some money to give in *Sadaqah* (charity) in Ramadan and start from now.

17- Start offering 2 *rak`ahs* (unit of Prayer) daily and increase the number from time to time during the night in preparation for *tarawih* (supererogatory night prayer in Ramadan).

18- Prepare yourself to make `Umrah in Ramadan, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "`Umrah in Ramadan equals Hajj with me (in reward)." (Al-Bukhari)

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19- Among the best acts in Ramadan is feeding the fasting persons, prepare yourself for it.

20- Map out your time and put a schedule to commit to it during Ramadan in order to help you achieve the acts of worship you aim at.

21- Find righteous companions who would assist you in getting closer to Allah.

22- If you are a smoker, you should bear in mind that Ramadan is a good chance for you to quit. Start from now and minimize the number of cigarettes until you rid yourself of this bad habit that devour your money and health and incurs the displeasure of God.

23- The month of Ramadan is the month where the Qur'an is revealed. Thus, it is the best time to memorize the Qur'an. Let's start from Sha`ban.

24- We all know that people use in Ramadan a lot of the types of food and drinks, we do not mind this on a condition of avoiding wastefulness. I suggest that you buy these things in Sha`ban to be free for worship only in Ramadan.

25- Maintain the ties of kinship before the coming of Ramadan and remember that Allah does not accept the deeds of those who disrupt these ties.

26- Some people simulate poorness despite that they are not so. Thus, find the actual poor people to be the right place for your *Sadaqah*.

27- Some people pay their Zakat in Ramadan to take the reward multiplied.

28- Accustom yourself to good manners, because the fasting person is not expected to react violently or indecently.

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29- Bring your youngsters and tell them about the merits of Ramadan and the virtues of fasting in it so that they prepare themselves for fasting as much as they can.

30- Congratulate each other with the coming of Ramadan.

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