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The combination: Ilm (knowledge) + taqwa (piety), is very important, especially for a seminary student.

The consequences of not having piety along with knowledge:

رُويَ عن رسول الله: «من لم يتورّع في تعلّمه ابتلاه الله بأحدٍ من ثلاثة أشياء...»

“Whoever is not pious in seeking knowledge, Allah will entangle him in one of three things...”

«... إِمَّا يُمِيتُهُ فِي شَبَابِهِ أَوْ يوقِّعُهُ فِي الرِّسَالَتِيقِ أَوْ يَبْتَلِيهِ بِخِدْمَةِ السُّلْطَانِ»

“... Allah would either cut his life short or keep him away from knowledge (sources) or exposes him to the service of a (unjust) monarch”

Ali (peace be upon him) in his letter to Ibn-Hunayf: ... You can't be like that (acting the same as me) but help me with piety, hard work, chastity and rightfulness. (Nahj-al-Balaqah-letter 45)

Benefits of having Taqwa

«و اتقوا الله و يُعَلِّمُكُمُ اللهُ» بقره/٢٨٤

And, be aware of Allah (pious towards him) and Allah will teach you.

«قُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا» طه/١١٤

“And say, My Lord, increase me in knowledge”.

«مَنْ عَمِلَ بِمَا عِلِمَ، وَرَثَهُ اللهُ عِلْمَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ»

“Prophet Muhammad (SAWA): whoever brings his knowledge into practice, Allah will grant him the knowledge of what he/she doesn’t know”.

« يا أيها الذين ءامنوا إن تتقوا الله يجعل لكم فرقا... » أنفال/ ٢٩

“O you who have believed, if you be pious towards Allah, He will grant you a criterion (to distinguish)...”.

« وَ مَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ » طلاق/ ٣ و٢

“...and whoever is pious towards Allah, He will make for him a way out and will provide for him, from where he does not expect”.

«...وَ إِنْ تَصَبَّرُوا وَ اتَّقُوا لَّا يَضُرُّكُمْ كَيْدُهُمْ شَيْئًا... » آل عمران/ ١٢٠

“If you are patient and pious, their (vicious) plots will not harm you at all”.

➤ "وَ يَحْتَرِزُ عَنِ الْغِيْبَةِ"

And the student “should avoid gossip”

« وَ لَّا يَغْتَابُ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، أَيُّحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ وَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ... » حجرات/ ١٢

“...and do not backbite each other; would one of you like to eat the flesh of his/her brother when dead? You would detest it. And be pious towards Allah...”

➤ "وَ عَنِ الْمَجَالِسَةِ الْمِكْثَارِ فَإِنَّ مَنْ يَكْثُرُ الْكَلَامَ يَسْرِقُ عُمْرَكَ وَ يُضِيْعُ أَوْقَاتَكَ"

And the student “should avoid the talkative, since they steal your life time and waste it”

➤ "وَ مِنَ الْوَرَعِ أَنْ يَجْتَنِبَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْفَسَادِ وَ التَّعْطِيلِ"

“and from wara’ is to avoid the corrupted and lazy”

➤ " فَإِنَّ الْمَجَالِسَةَ مُؤَثَّرَةٌ لَّا مَحَالَةَ"

“Since companionship is effective with no doubt”

« الْأَخْلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ » زخرف/ ٤٧

“Close friends, that Day, will be enemies to each other, except for the pious”

«سَأَلُوا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: يَا رُوحَ اللَّهِ مَعَ مَنْ نُجَالِسُ؟ قَالَ: مَنْ يُدْكِرُكُمْ اللَّهُ رُؤْيَتُهُ وَ يَزِيدُ فِي عِلْمِكُمْ مَنْطِقَهُ وَ يَرْعَبُكُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَمَلُهُ»

“Isa (Jesus) the son of Maryam was asked: whom should we accompany? He said,
“Who reminds you of God when you see him/her, his speech increases your
knowledge and his deeds exhort you to hereafter.”

➤ "وَأَنْ يَجْلِسَ مُسْتَقْبِلَ الْقِبْلَةِ فِي حَالِ التَّكْرَارِ وَالْمُطَالَعَةِ وَيَكُونُ مُسْتَنًا بِسُنَّةِ النَّبِيِّ"

“... and to sit towards *qiblah*, when studying, following the tradition of the prophet”