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“And do not kill your children for fear of poverty. We provide for them and for you. Indeed, their killing is ever a great sin. “

[al-Israa' (The The Night Journey) 17:31]

In the Name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

As I was watching a sports game on TV a few days back, a commercial came on that struck me as odd.

The general message of the commercial was discussing two aspects of having children. The first aspect spoke about not having freedom to do certain things and having children would basically "tie them down". The second aspect advertised a couple who had a few children and were ready to call it "quits" because their children were "too much".

A lot of couples take children for granted and often see their kids as a burden on them. This cannot be further from the truth. One of the main worries about having children is the aspect of who will provide for them.

In this ayah, Allah (SWT) gives us the correct perspective on who really provides for us. We must change our attitude in this life that we don't have that much control over anything and that Allah is the one who's in control.

Allah guarantee's provision for not only your children, but for you as well. The prophet (SAW) spoke passionately about not only having children, but also about being merciful to them by saying, *"Anyone who does not show mercy to our children nor acknowledge the right of our old people is not one of us"* (al-Adab al-Mufrad).