

Praising Oneself

Generally, Islam discourages self-admiration. However, it is not totally forbidden, and one can introduce oneself with the qualities and qualifications one has attained with respect to one's needs. For example, seeking a job, i.e., a curriculum vitae (CV).

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¹ Bihar Al-Anwaar V 75 - The book 'Al Rawza' - Ch 23 H 108 / 136

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