

Moral Virtues from Prophet Mohammad (Peace be upon him)

Wife & Family

- "The believers who show the most perfect Faith are those who have the best behaviour, and the best of you are those who are the best to their wives". [At-Tirmidhi]
- "Spend on them and you will be rewarded for what you spend on them". [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "Whatever you spend seeking thereby the Pleasure of ALLAH (GOD), will have its reward, even the morsel which you put in the mouth of your wife". [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "It is enough sin for a person to hold back the due of one whose provision is in his hand".
- A man once told the Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) that he had many children but did not kiss any of them. The Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) replied: "Verily, ALLAH (GOD) will only show mercy to those of His servants who do good to others." [Imam Bukhari's Book of Muslim Morals and Manners]
- As he carried his grandson on his shoulders, the Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) was heard to say: "O ALLAH (GOD)! I love him, so YOU love him too." [Imam Bukhari's Book of Muslim Morals and Manners]
- "Verily, a man teaching his child manners is better than giving one bushel of grain in alms." [Sahih Muslim]

Parents

- A person came to Messenger (Peace be Upon Him) of ALLAH (GOD) and asked, "Who among people is most deserving of my fine treatment?" He (Peace be Upon Him) said, "Your mother, then your mother, then your mother, then your father, then your nearest, then nearest".
- "May he be disgraced! May he be disgraced! May he be disgraced, whose parents, one or both, attain old age during his life time, and he does not enter Jannah (Paradise) by rendering being dutiful to them". [Sahih Muslim]
- "(Of the) major sins are: to ascribe partners to ALLAH (GOD), disobey parents, murder someone, and to take a false oath (intentionally)". [Sahih Al-Bukhari]
- "It is one of the gravest sins to abuse one's parents." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]

Orphans

- "He who takes care of an orphan, whether he is his relative or a stranger, will be in Jannah (Paradise) with me like these two". The narrator, Malik bin Anas (RA) raised his forefinger and middle finger for illustration. [Sahih Muslim]

Moderation

- It was reported that the Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) was never offered two things (options) but chooses the easiest.
- "ALLAH (GOD) did not send me to be harsh, or cause harm, but HE sent me to teach and make things easy." [Sahih Muslim]
- The Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) said, "Religion is very easy and whoever overburdens himself in his religion will not be able to continue in that way. So you should not be extremists, but try to be near to perfection and receive the good tidings that you will be rewarded; and gain strength by worshipping in the mornings, the nights." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]

Kindness

- "Be kind, for whenever kindness becomes part of something, it beautifies it. Whenever it is taken from something, it leaves it tarnished." He also said: "Make things simple and do not complicate them. Calm people and do not drive them away." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]
- The Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him) would hear the crying of a child in the company of his mother during prayer, and he would then recite only a short portion of the Quran (to end the prayer and let the mother comfort her child)." [Sahih Muslim]
- "ALLAH (GOD) did not send me to be harsh, or cause harm, but HE sent me to teach and make things easy." [Sahih Muslim]
- "Kindness is a mark of faith, and whoever is not kind has no faith." [Sahih Muslim]
- "Whoever is kind, GOD will be kind to him; therefore be kind to man on the earth. HE who is in heaven will show mercy on you." [Abu Dawud: Tirmidhi]

Equality

- "ALLAH (GOD) does not judge you according to your bodies and appearances, but He looks into your hearts and observes your deeds."

Justice

- "The just will be seated upon pulpits of light." Those who are fair with regards to their judgement and their family and those who are under them." [Sahih Muslim]
- "To administer justice between two people is charity." [Fiqh-us-Sunnah, 3:98]
- "The just and fair will be seated on chairs of light before God. Such people are those who decide with justice and deal justly in matters relating to their families and other affairs entrusted to them." [Riyadh-us-Saleheen, Hadith 650]

Modesty

- "Shyness does not bring anything except good." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- Messenger (Peace be Upon Him) of ALLAH (GOD) passed by a man of who was admonishing his brother regarding shyness. Messenger (Peace be Upon Him) of ALLAH (GOD) said, "Leave him alone, for modesty is a part of Imaan (Faith)." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "Verily, ALLAH (GOD) is mild and is fond of mildness, and HE gives to the mild what HE does not give to the harsh." [Sahih Muslim]

Treating Elders

- "If a young man honours an older person on account of his age, ALLAH (GOD) appoints someone to show reverence to him in his old age." [At-Tirmidhi]
- "He is not one of us who shows no mercy to younger ones and does not acknowledge the honour due to our elders". [At-Tirmidhi and Abu Dawud]
- "Verily, it is one of the respects to ALLAH (GOD) to honour an old man." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]

Selflessness and Sympathy

- "The food for one person suffices for two; the food for two suffices for four, and the food for four suffices for eight persons."
- "Many a person with shaggy and dusty hair, dusty and driven away from doors (because of their poverty and shabby clothes) were to swear by ALLAH (GOD) (that something would happen), ALLAH (GOD) will certainly make it happen". [Sahih Muslim].

Good Conduct

- "What actions are most excellent? To gladden the heart of human beings, to feed the hungry, to help the afflicted, to lighten the sorrow of the sorrowful, and to remove the sufferings of the injured." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]
- "If you guarantee me six things on your part I shall guarantee you Paradise: Speak the truth when you talk, keep a promise when you make it, when you are trusted with something fulfil your trust, avoid sexual immorality, lower your gaze (in modesty), and restrain your hands from injustice." [At-Tirmidhi, Hadith 1260]
- "The best of you is the best among you in conduct." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "Nothing will be heavier on the Day of Resurrection in the Scale of the believer than good manners. ALLAH (GOD) hates one who utters foul or coarse language." [At-Tirmidhi]
- "Make things easy and do not make them difficult, cheer the people up by conveying glad tidings to them and do not repulse (them)." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "Shall I not tell you whom the (Hell) Fire is forbidden to touch? It is forbidden to touch a man who is always accessible, having polite and tender nature." [At-Tirmidhi]

- "One who covers up the failings of someone in this world will have his shortcomings covered up by ALLAH (GOD) on the Day of Judgment." [Riyadh us-Saleheen, 240]

Patience

- "How wonderful is the case of a believer; there is good for him in everything and this applies only to a believer. If prosperity attends him, he expresses gratitude to ALLAH (GOD) and that is good for him; and if adversity befalls him, he endures it patiently and that is better for him". [Sahih Muslim]
- "Fear ALLAH (GOD) and be patient." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]

Self-Restrain

- "The strong man is not one who is good at wrestling, but the strong man is one who controls himself in a fit of rage." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "Do not get angry". [Sahih Al-Bukhari]
- "The most excellent Jihad is that for the conquest of self." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]

Truthfulness

- "Truth leads to piety and piety leads to Jannah (Paradise). A man persists in speaking the truth till he is enrolled with ALLAH (GOD) as a truthful. Falsehood leads to vice and vice leads to the Fire (Hell), and a person persists on telling lies until he is enrolled as a liar".
- "Give up what is doubtful to you for that which is not doubtful; for truth is peace of mind and falsehood is doubt". [At-Tirmidhi]
- "Say what is true, although it may be bitter and displeasing to people." [Baihaqi]
- "Strive always to excel in virtue and truth." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]

Watchfulness

- "Fear ALLAH (GOD) wherever you are, do good deeds after doing bad ones, the former will wipe out the latter, and behave decently towards people". [At-Tirmidhi]
- "Safeguard the Commandments of ALLAH (GOD), you will find Him before you. Remember Him in prosperity and He will remember you in adversity."
- "It is better to sit alone than in company with the bad; and it is better still to sit with the good than alone. It is better to speak to a seeker of knowledge than to remain silent; but silence is better than idle words." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]
- "Serve ALLAH (GOD), as you would if you could see Him; although you cannot see Him, HE can see you. [Umar RA: Sahih Muslim]

Piety

- The life of the world is sweet and green. ALLAH (GOD) makes you generations succeeding one another so that He may try you in respect of your actions. So beware of the beguilement's of the world and those of women. The first trial of Banu Israel was through women". [Sahih Muslim]
- "The most honorable of you is one who is the most pious of you." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "When you see a person who has been given more than you in money and beauty, look to those, who have been given less." [Sahih Muslim]

Uprightness and Steadfastness

- "Say, 'I believe in ALLAH (GOD)' and then be steadfast". [Sahih Muslim]
- "ALLAH (GOD) does not look at your appearance or your possessions; but He looks at your heart and your deeds." [Abu Huraira RA: Sahih Muslim]

Being good To Others

- "Who is the most favoured of ALLAH (GOD)? He, from whom the greatest good comes to His creatures." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]
- "You should restrain yourself from doing wrong to people, because it (serves as) charity which you bestow upon yourself". [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "Do not belittle any good deed, even meeting your brother with a cheerful face". [Sahih Muslim]
- "Every good deed is charity". [Sahih Al-Bukhari]
- "It is also charity to utter a good word." [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]

Animals & Environment

- "Once a dog was going round the well and was about to die out of thirst. A prostitute of Banu Israel happened to see it. So she took off her leather sock and lowered it into the well. She drew out some water and gave the dog to drink. She was forgiven on account of her action".
- "When a Believer plants a tree, whatever is eaten from it is charity from him and whatever is stolen is charity and whatever is subtracted from it is charity". [Sahih Muslim]
- "If a Muslim plants a tree, or sows a field and men and beasts and birds eat from it, all of it is charity from him".

Neighbours

- O Believing women, never belittle any gift you give your neighbour even if it is a hoof of a sheep". [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "By ALLAH (GOD), he is not a believer! By ALLAH (GOD), he is not a believer! By ALLAH (GOD), he is not a believer." It was asked, "Who is that, O Messenger (Peace be Upon Him) of ALLAH (GOD)? " He said, "One whose neighbour does not feel safe from his evil". [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]

- "He will not enter Heaven whose neighbour is not secure from his wrongful conduct".
- "He who believes in ALLAH (GOD) and the Last Day let him not harm his neighbour". [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]

Love For God's sake

- "No one of you becomes a true believer until he likes for his brother what he likes for himself". [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "On the Day of Resurrection, ALLAH (GOD), the Exalted, will say: `Where are those who have mutual love for the sake of My Glory? Today I shall shelter them in My Shade when there will be no shade except Mine". [Sahih Muslim]

Cheating

- "Whomever cheats is not from among us (the believers)".

Oppression

- "ALLAH (GOD) has revealed to me that you should adopt humility so that no one oppresses another." [Riyadh-us-Salaheen, Hadith 1589]
- "A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hands the people are safe". [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim]
- "Many people misappropriate (acquire wrongfully) ALLAH'S (GOD) property (meaning believers' property). These people will be cast in Hell on the Day of Resurrection". [Sahih Al-Bukhari]
- "Help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or he is oppressed." People asked, "...It is right to help him if he is oppressed, but how should we help him if he is an oppressor?" The Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) said, "By preventing him from oppressing others." [Sahih Al-Bukhari]

- "ALLAH (GOD) has revealed to me, that you must be humble. No one should boast over one another, and no one should oppress another." [Sahih Muslim]

Mercy

- "ALLAH (GOD) will not give mercy to anyone, except those who give mercy to other creatures." [Abdullah b. Amr RA: Abu Dawud & At-Tirmidhi]

Envy

- "Keep yourselves far from envy; because it eats up and takes away good actions, like a fire eats up and burns wood." [Abu Dawud]

Peace

- "Do you know what is better than charity and fasting and prayer? It is keeping peace and good relations between people, as quarrels and bad feelings destroy mankind." [Sahih Muslim & Sahih Al-Bukhari]