

For Children

Manners of Prophet Muhammed

وَاللَّهُ سَلَّمَ
صَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

An excerpt from Abu Haamid
al-Ghazaali's Ihya' 'Uloom al-Deen

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Sa'd ibn Hishaam ibn 'Aamir went to 'Aa'ishah (may Allaah be pleased with her) and asked her,

“O Mother of the believers, tell me about the character of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ .

She said, ”Do you not read the Qur'aan?”

I said, “Of course”.

She said, “The character of the Prophet of Allah ﷺ was the Qur'aan.

[Narrated by Muslim]



Allah says,

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

And indeed, you are of a great
moral character.

[Al Qalam, 68:4]



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was the most forbearing of people, the most courageous of people, the most just of people, the most modest of people. He was the most generous of people, who never kept a dinar or a dirham with him overnight. If he had anything left over and he could not find someone to give it to before night came, he would not go home until he had donated it to someone who needed it. He did not take anything from that which Allaah had bestowed upon him except one year's supply of the simplest provisions, dates and barley, giving all of that for the sake of Allaah. He was never asked for anything but he gave it, then he would go back to his annual supplies and donate from them to those who needed it more, then he might run out before the year ended.

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used to repair his own sandals and mend his own clothes, and he would help his family in the home and cut meat for them.

He was the most modest of people and would not look anyone straight in the eye.

He would respond to the invitations of slave and free alike, and accept a gift even if it was a cup of milk, and he would reward a person for it. He did not eat food that had been given in charity, and he would respond to slave women and the poor when they asked him for something.

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got angry for the sake of his Lord but he did not get angry for his own sake. He would speak the truth even if that resulted in harm for himself or his companions.

He would tie a rock to his stomach to ward off hunger pangs, and he did not refuse halaal food. He would not eat reclining or at a table. He never ate his fill of bread for three days in a row until he met Allaah as he would prefer to give away what he had rather than eat his fill, not because of poverty or miserliness. He would accept invitations to meals, visit the sick, and attend funerals.

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walked alone among his enemies without a guard. He was the most humble and quiet of people without being arrogant, the most eloquent without being long-winded, the most cheerful of countenance. He did not worry about worldly matters.

He wore whatever he found, and let his slave or others ride behind him on his mount. He rode whatever was available, sometimes a horse, sometimes a camel, sometimes a mule and sometimes a donkey. Sometimes he walked barefoot, with no cloak, turban or cap, visiting the sick in the furthest parts of Madeenah. He loved perfume and hated foul smells.

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would sit with the poor and offer food to and eat with the needy, honouring the virtuous and softening the hearts of people of status by treating them kindly. He upheld ties of kinship without favouring his relatives over those who were better than them, and he did not treat anyone harshly. He accepted the excuses of those who apologized to him. He would joke but he only spoke the truth, and he would smile without laughing out loud. If he saw permissible play he did not denounce it, and he raced with his wife. When voices were raised against him, he bore that with patience.

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had slaves, male and female, but he did not eat or dress any better than they did. He did not waste time without striving for the sake of Allaah or doing that which was essential to better himself. He did not look down on any poor person because of his poverty or chronic sickness, and he did not fear any king because of his power. He called both of them to Allaah on equal terms.

He was not harsh or rough.

If someone did evil to him he would pardon and forgive. Part of his attitude was that he would be the first to greet whomever he met, and if someone came to him with a need, he would be patient until the person was the first one to leave.

If someone took him by the hand, he would not let go until the other person let go first. In a gathering he could not be distinguished from his companions.

Allah bestowed upon him the best attitude and manners, and the best way of dealing with people and situations, even though he was illiterate and could neither read nor write. He grew up poor in an ignorant desert land, tending sheep, an orphan with neither father nor mother.

But Allah taught him all good characteristics and good ways, and taught him the stories of earlier and later generations, and that which brings success and salvation in the Hereafter and happiness in this world, and showed him the way to focus on one's duties and keep away from inessentials.

May Allah help us to obey his commands and follow his example. Ameen

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for young children.

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