

Humility a Character Trait

Month of Ramadan, month of blessings, month of worship, month of fasting, month of recharging ourselves, month of iftar and Taraweeh gatherings, month of renewing old friendships and making new friends. Reminder to review our character and improve our behavior so we can emerge as better persons at the end of this month.

Difficult topic but needs to be covered. How can I tell you to be humble when I am not sure myself I am humble person. The way I reconcile is that whatever I say applies to me first and others later.

Al-Furqan (The Criterion) -

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا

For, [true] servants of the Most Gracious are [only] they who walk gently on earth, and who, whenever the foolish address them, [50] reply with [words of] peace; - 25:63

(Asad) -

We have indeed been blessed with many bounties of Allah SWT and we need to be thankful for these blessings. There is no better way than humbling ourselves.

Ibrahim (Abraham) 14:34

وَأَتَاكُمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ مَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُ وَإِن تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَذَلُومٌ كَفَّارٌ

14:34 And [always] does He give you something out of what you may be asking of Him; [47] and should you try to count Allah's blessings, you could never compute them. [And yet,] behold, man is indeed most persistent in wrongdoing, stubbornly ingrate!

An-Nahl (The Bee) - 16:18


وَإِن تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ (16:18)

For, should you try to count God's blessings, you could never compute them! Behold, God is indeed much-forgiving, a dispenser of grace; - 16:18

(Asad) :-

O Muslims, Be humble in front of Allah and the people.
Allah tell us how to be humble with people.

sh-Shu'ara (The Poets) - 26:215

وَإِخْفِضْ جَنَاحَكَ لِمَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ (26:215) 

26:215 (**Asad**) and spread the wings of thy
tenderness over all of the believers who may follow
- [thee; [94

Another reference

Al-Hijr (The Rocky Tract) - 15:88

لَا تَمُدَّنَّ عَيْنَيْكَ إِلَىٰ مَا مَتَّعْنَا بِهِ أَزْوَاجًا مِنْهُمْ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَاخْفِضْ جَنَاحَكَ
لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ (15:88)

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15:88 (**Asad**) [so] turn, not thine eyes [longingly]
towards the worldly benefits which We have
granted unto some [63] of those [that deny the
truth]. And neither grieve over those [who refuse
to heed thee], but spread the wings of thy
tenderness over the believers, [64] -

So be humble to all no matter what you have
accomplished.

Foremost among this is being humble to your parents if
they are still alive, for old. For young, this is advice

Al-Isra (The Journey by Night) - 17:24

وَاخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

17:24 (**Asad**) and spread over them humbly the wings of thy tenderness, [28] and say: "O my Sustainer! Bestow Thy grace upon them, even as they cherished and reared me when I was a child!"

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Fussilat (Explained in Detail) - 41:33

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ (41:33)

41:33 (**Asad**) And who could be better of speech than he who calls [his fellow-men] unto God, and does what is just and right, and says, "Verily, I am of those who have surrendered themselves to God"? =

وَلَا تَسْتَوِي الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ (41:34)

41:34 (**Asad**) But [since] good and evil cannot be equal, repel thou [evil] with something that is

better [31] and lo! he between whom and thyself was enmity [may then become] as though he had [always] been close [unto thee], a true friend! -

An-Nahl (The Bee) - 16:22

إِلَهُكُمْ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ فَالَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ مُنْكَرَةٌ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ (16:22) لَا جَرَمَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يُسِرُّونَ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْتَكْبِرِينَ (16:23)

16:22 (Asad) Your God is the One God: but because of their false pride, the hearts of those who do not believe in the life to come refuse to admit this [truth]. [15] - 6:23 (Asad) Truly, God knows all that they keep secret as well as all that they bring into the open -[and,] behold, He does not love those who are given to arrogance.


If you want to learn how to behave, we look to Surah Luqman.

Luqman (Luqman) - 31:18

وَلَا تُصَعِّرْ خَدَّكَ لِلنَّاسِ وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ
كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ (31:18)

31:18 (Asad) "And turn not thy =
cheek away from people in [false] pride,
and walk not haughtily on earth: for,
behold, God does not love anyone who,
out of self- conceit, acts in a boastful
= .manner

Luqman (Luqman) - 31:19


وَأَقْصِدْ فِي مَشْيِكَ وَاغْضُضْ مِنْ صَوْتِكَ إِنَّ أَنْكَرَ الْأَصْوَاتِ لَصَوْتُ
الْحَمِيرِ (31:19)

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31:19 (Asad) "Hence, be modest in thy
bearing, and lower thy voice: for, behold,
the ugliest of all voices is the [loud] voice
of asses..."

Remember, story of Iblis Refused the order of
Allah because he thought he was better. He
received the curse of Allah.

Humble people will go to paradise,

Al-Qasas (The Narration) - 28:83

تِلْكَ الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ نَجْعَلُهَا لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُرِيدُونَ عُلُوًّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا
فَسَادًا وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ (28:83)

28:83 (Asad) As for that [happy] life -
in the hereafter, We grant it [only] to
those who do not seek to exalt
themselves on earth, nor yet to spread
corruption: for the future belongs to the
- [God-conscious. [92

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was a perfect model of modesty and humbleness. He ﷺ never spoke loudly or in an unseemly manner. In the market, he always passed by the people quietly with a smile. Whenever he heard anything undesirable in an assembly, he did not say anything out of respect for the people, but the color of his face showed his feelings

and the Companions became cautious. `Aa'ishah, may Allah be pleased with her, said that she never saw Allah's Messenger ﷺ laughing so that she could see his molar teeth, for he only used to smile

Zayd, may Allah be pleased with him, reported Allah's Messenger ﷺ as saying: ***"Every religion has a character and the character of Islam is modesty."***

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ lived a simple and modest life, both in Makkah as a trader before his Prophethood, and in Al-Madeenah as the Head of the State after being commissioned as Allah's Messenger. The change in his social status from that of a trader in Makkah to the Head of the State in Al-Madeenah did not bring any change in his modest living. '."

The Prophet ﷺ did not behave towards others as if he was better than they were, nor did he spurn manual work. `Abdullaah bin Abi `Awfa, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet of Allah, ﷺ never refrained from going with a slave or a widow to accomplish his or her tasks. Others reported that the Prophet ﷺ used to tidy up his house, tie the camels, feed the animals, take food with his servants, and help them in kneading dough and bringing provisions from the market. Anas, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet of Allah ﷺ used to visit the sick, attend funerals, ride a donkey and accept a slave's invitation for a meal. Jaabir, may Allah be pleased with him, stated that the Prophet ﷺ used to slow down his pace for the

sake of the weak and also prayed for them.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was humble in all matters. Anas, may Allah be pleased with him, said that the Prophet ﷺ would accept an invitation even if he was presented barley bread and soup whose taste had changed. He also reported that the Prophet ﷺ said: ***"I am Allah's servant, I eat like a servant and sit like a servant."***

His self-deprecation was such that he ﷺ once said: ***"By Allah, I do not know, even although I am Allah's messenger, what my fate in the next world will be, nor do I know what yours will be."***

The Prophet ﷺ lived like any ordinary person, and did not assume

any superior rights. He once had to borrow some money from a Jew called Zayd ibn Sana'a. The Jew came to demand the immediate return of the loan a few days before the expiry of the stipulated period. Tugging at the mantle around the Prophet's shoulders, he jibed that the progeny of 'Abd Al-Muttalib were always defaulters.

'Umar, may Allah be pleased with him, not being able to tolerate this misbehavior on the part of the Jew, started berating him, and was on the point of beating him when the Prophet ﷺ said to the Jew, smiling: ***"There are still three days to go before the promise has to be fulfilled."*** To 'Umar, may Allah be pleased with him, he ﷺ said: ***"We might have had better treatment from you. You could have advised me to be more careful about the return***

of loans and you could have advised the Jew to be more courteous in demanding repayment.” He ﷺ then requested ‘Umar, may Allah be pleased with him, to get some dates so that the loan could be repaid, and to give the Jew an extra forty kilograms for the rebuke he had been given.

We can say that humbleness is seen in every sphere of the Prophet’s life. His way of talking, walking, sitting, eating and every aspect of his life reflected humbleness.

May we all learn from this.

HADITH

Allah punished all previous nations in the history of mankind. People of Hud, Salih, Ad, Lut, Pharoah dynasty, Qaroon. Prophet PBUH

advised us to be humble.

1. Narrated by Abu Hurairah that Prophet PBUH said: charity does not decrease any wealth. Allah increases the respect of any who forgives and whoever is humble for the love of Allah. Allah will raise his rank (Muslim)
2. Narrated by Abdullah ibn Masood that Prophet PBUH said: No one will enter paradise if he she has even an atom's weight of pride.
3. Narrated by Abu Hurairah that Prophet PBUH said: Allah does not speak to three categories of people in the Day of Judgement, does not purify them, and does not look at them. They have a severe penalty, They are an elderly who commits adultery, a king who lies, and a person who is proud and arrogant. (Muslim)

Brothers and sisters, as Muslims, we will strive and we will struggle. We will have

different levels of success. Similarly, we will have different levels of failure. Some of us are able to avoid major sins like gambling and alcohol, which are successes, but we cannot seem to avoid the backbiting, slander, laziness, pride, etc., which are failures. So, we have varying degrees of success and failure. Although we have varying levels of success and failure - each one is relative to the person feeling it - we need to remember that we will all be tested, and the answer to each test is the same: rely on Allah and His Messenger and you will have the success you need. But that is such a broad statement, what does it mean? I want to suggest that one possible meaning is to avoid pride and to seek out the changes in ourselves that will allow us to inculcate humility. A proud heart will not accept Allah's

guidance. A proud heart will not accept the teachings of Muhammad (saws). Only a humble heart and soul will do that. So if pride is the thing that moves us away from Allah, humility is the thing that will bring us back.

As it happens to all of us, first to me and then to the rest. As we become successful, we boast, we brag, and become proud. This causes all sorts of conflicts in the families and communities. We are all humble human beings which Allah has bestowed with his mercy. It can be removed any time. We all have shortcomings. Mistakes and faults. Allah SWT hates the proud, arrogant, and boastful.

Based on this talk, let's try to be humble, modest, meek, simple and low in every aspect of life, Remember Allah Hates those who are proud, aggressive, high, conceited, and

arrogant. Be kind to people, extend your warmth, your services, and your time, effort, knowledge, money to all who need it. Allah will give his blessing on such a community. You will be happy and will earn rewards in the hereafter iA.

May Allah guide bless you, reward you, guide you to the right path and may He shower his mercy and blessing on this community and all of Ummah, Ameen.

can you imagine one who was the gentlest of men

while being the most brave and just of all he's been

one who conquered all desires of self that make men weak

who granted all who asked him precisely what they seek

whom only jewels poured out his mouth whenever he would speak

who was the gem amongst the stones of men
who shined unique
a selflessness and generosity that some would
say
Was merely myth until they had seen his way
who used to mend his sandals, used to patch
his clothes
who used to serve his family whenever he was
home
who had a noble shyness not gazing long upon
a face
who honored all he ever met be king or be
slave
Who always felt himself at home the most,
amongst the poor
who never angered for himself but only for his
law
always just, always truthful, conscious of the
One
even if it brought discomfort to himself and
those he loved
A satiated stomach his whole life was rarely

felt

not due to poverty but preference of others to
himself

who knew the time of day by Sun, the direction
by the stars

who'd walk amongst his enemies without a
single guard

devoid of any trace of self, just humble and
serene

eloquent but not verbose, just precisely what
he means

whom all within his company felt light and
sacred cheer

Whom there was not a thing within creation
that he feared

Who loved to play with children and run races
with his wives

Who'd join the festivities in honor and customs
of all tribes

when people yelled and lost their cool around
him he was calm

who asked forgiveness for his enemies even

as they did him harm
who kept the goat he'd milk himself for people
in his house
Whose wives when asked about him said he
was the perfect spouse
who never looked down on a pauper or
flattered once a prince
who called every soul unto the One without
even a flinch
every single gorgeous trait of character he had
Of noble lineage yet he was the orphan of his
clan
one imbued with wisdom and piercing inner
sight
yet he was the Unlettered one who'd neither
read nor write
all knowledge and trait of character unflawed
were placed inside his very being directly by
Allah
the way to salvation and triumph after death
To detachment and joy in life with each and
every breath

to walk the righteous path and never falter
come what may
may Allah give a success in following his way
They call him Al-Amin, the trustworthy, the
honest
I call him beloved, my Prophet Muhammad