

# *The Prophet; The Role Model*

## *Winning Hearts?*



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# THE GREATEST IMPACT

**KNOWN  
TO OTHERS**

- Behaviors
- Skills
- Knowledge

**UNKNOWN  
TO OTHERS**

**IMPACT**

- Supplications
- Acts of worship
- Intention





## HADITH QUDSI

“When Allah **loves** one of his servants, He calls Jibril ‘ May peace be upon him’ and tells him: ‘I **love** so-and-so, so **love** him.’ Then jibril will **love** him, and will proclaim to the inhabitants of heaven: ‘Allah **loves** so-and-so, so **love** him, so the inhabitants of heaven will **love** him too, and he will be well **accepted** by the inhabitants of the earth.



## **HADITH QUDSI**

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(Muslim)



# WHY DO WE NEED TO WIN HEARTS?

- ◆ Draw closer to Allah to please our Creator
- ◆ Show our total submission
- ◆ Follow the Path of all prophets
- ◆ Cleanse hearts
- ◆ Gain utmost rewards
- ◆ Reform ourselves & have our sins forgiven
- ◆ To avoid being cursed
- ◆ Be merciful and sympathetic





# WHY DO WE NEED TO WIN HEARTS?

- ◆ Fear punishment on the Day of Judgment & hope for Jannah
- ◆ Have our scales heavy on the Day of Judgment
- ◆ Protect societies from corruption & mischief
- ◆ Have righteous posterity
- ◆ Obstruct the way of seekers of corruption
- ◆ Establish a well-informed  
Ethically- oriented and proud society





# HOW CAN WE WIN HEARTS?

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:

“I have only been sent to make righteous behavior complete.”

بِعِصَةِ الْأَمْرِ وَالْإِخْلَاقِ  
مُحَمَّدٌ



# Be sincere & Always supplicate & Remember Allah

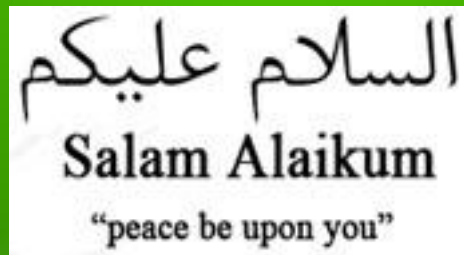
- ♦ “Allah said: ‘I am so self-sufficient that I am in no need of having an associate. Thus, he who does an action for someone else’s sake as well as Mine will have that action renounced by Me to the one whom he associated with Me.’”
- ♦ “Supplication is an act of worship”





# Spread the greeting of Salam (Peace)

- ♦ “ By the One in Whose Hand is my soul, you will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I not tell you of something that if you do it you will love one another? Spread Salam ‘Greeting of peace’ amongst yourselves.” (Muslim)





# Have a cheerful smiling countenance & a sense of humor

- ◆ “Your smile at your brother is an act of charity (sadaqah).”
- ◆ “Do not think little of any good deed even if it is just greeting your brother with a cheerful countenance.” (Muslim)
- ◆ Ali said “When two Muslims meet and converse, Allah will forgive the one who has the most cheerful face.”





# Be Compassionate and Merciful

“You will not believe until you have compassion towards one another.” They said, “O Messenger of Allah, all of us are compassionate.”

He said, “It is not the compassion of any one of you towards his friend, but it is compassion towards all people and compassion towards the common folk.”





# BE RESPECTFUL



- ◆ Respect elders, scholars and the distinguished and be compassionate to the young
- ◆ “It was reported that Aisha said, ‘The Messenger of Allah ordered us to place people in their rightful status or position.’”
- ◆ “He does not belong to my Ummah (Nation) who does not honor our elders, show compassion to our young ones, and pay due respect to our scholars.”



# BROTHERHOOD



- ❖ “ The believers, in their mutual friendship, mercy and affection, are like one body: if any part of it complains, the rest of the body will also stay awake in pain.” (Bukhari)
- ❖ “ There should be no breaking of ties, no turning away from one another, no hating one another, and no envying one another. Be brothers, as Allah has commanded you.” (Muslim)



# LOVE THY BROTHER



- ❖ Inform your brother or sister of your love to him or her
  - ❖ “Anas said that a man was with the prophet, when another man passed by. The first man said, “O Messenger of Allah, indeed I **truly love this man.**” The Prophet asked him, “Have you let him know that?” He said, “No.” The prophet said, “Tell him.” He caught up with him and told him, “Truly I love you for the sake of Allah,” and the man said, “May Allah, whom you love me for His sake, love you.”



# **Visit your brother or sister whom you love for the sake of Allah**

“ A man went to visit a brother of his in another village. Allah sent an angel for him on the road. When the man came along, the angel asked him, ‘Where do you intend to go?’ He said, ‘I am going to visit a brother of mine who lives in this village.’ The angel asked, ‘Have you done him any favor (for which you are now seeking repayment)?’ He said, ‘No. I just love him for the sake of Allah.’ The angel told him, ‘I am a messenger to you from Allah, sent to tell you that He loves you as you love your brother for His sake.’” (Muslim)



## Visit the Sick.....



- ◆ Visit the sick, attend funerals, pray for others and accept the invitation
- ◆ The Messenger of Allah commanded us to visit the sick, to attend funerals, to bless someone when he sneezes, to fulfill all oaths, to come to the aid of the oppressed, to accept the invitations, and to greet everyone with salam.” (Bukhari and Muslim)



# Honor your Neighbors and Guests

- ❖ “He does not believe in me, who eats his fill while his neighbor is hungry while he knows about it.
- ❖ “Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day , let him treat his neighbor well; whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him honor his guest; whoever believes in Allah and the last Day, let him speak good or else remain silent.”
- ❖ “The messenger of Allah was never asked for anything and said ‘No.’” (Bukhari and Muslim)



# Have Good Appearance

❖ “The messenger of Allah was in the mosque, when a man with unkempt hair and an untidy beard came in. The prophet pointed to him, as if indicating that to him that he should tidy up his hair and beard. The man went and did so, then returned. The prophet said, ‘Is this not better than any one of you should come with unkempt hair, looking like Satan?’”

❖ “The prophet told his Companions, when they were traveling to meet some brothers in faith: “You are going to visit your brothers, so repair your saddles and make sure that you are dressed well, so that you stand out among people in adornment, for Allah does not love ugliness.



# LISTEN & BE KIND



- ◆ Be kind and gentle
  - “There is no kindness in a thing but it adds beauty to it, and there is no absence of kindness but it disfigures a thing.”
- ◆ Be a very good listener, and do not interrupt
  - ATA’ said “A man would be talking with me with a topic that I heard before, I will still listen to him as if I never heard it even though I heard it before he was born.”



# Be Friendly and Likable



*None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what  
he loves for himself*

Prophet Muhammad Sﷺ

Quran and Sunnah



# Be Friendly and Likable

- ❖ “ Shall I not tell you who among you is most beloved to me and will be closest to me on the Day of Resurrection?” He repeated it twice or three times, and they said, “ Yes, O Messenger of Allah.” He said: “Those of you who are the best in attitude and character.”
- ❖ Some reports add: “ Those who are down to earth and humble, who get along with others and with whom others feel comfortable.”





# Be Humble and Modest



- ❖ “Allah will not increase His servant except in honor. No-one humbles himself for the sake of Allah, but Allah will raise his status.” (Muslim)
- ❖ “Allah told me that you should be so humble towards on another that no-one should boast to anyone else and no-one should oppress anyone.” (Muslim)



# Look Out for Others

- ◆ Strive for people's benefit and seek to protect them from harm
- ◆ Strive to reconcile between Muslims
  - “ Every day on which the sun rises, settling a dispute fairly between two people is an act of charity; helping a man to get up on his beast or load his goods onto it is an act of charity ; a good word is an act of charity; every step taken towards prayer is an act of charity; and removing something harmful from the road is act of charity” (Bukhari and Muslim)



# Be Tolerant and Forgiving



Anas said: “ I was walking with the messenger of Allah, and he was wearing a Najrani cloak with a stiff collar. A Bedouin came up to him and grabbed him roughly, and I looked at the prophet’s shoulder and saw the mark left by his collar because of this rough approach.

Then the Bedouin said, ‘O Muhammad, order that I be given some of the wealth of Allah that you have!’ The prophet turned to him and smiled, then ordered that he be given something.” (Bukhari and Muslim)



# Be Tolerant and Forgiving

- ❖ “ Uqbah Ibn Amir asked him, “O Messenger of Allah, tell me the best of deeds,” he told him, “O Uqbah, maintain ties with the one who cuts you off, give to the one who deprives you, and do not seek revenge on the one who wrongs you.”
- ❖ “ In another report he said: “ Forgive the one who wrongs you.”



# Be a Solace to The Bereaved

**“Whoever relieves a believer of some of the distress of this world, Allah will relieve him of some of the distress of the Day of Resurrection, and whoever comes to the aid of one who is going through hardship, Allah will come to his aid in this world and the next.”**

**(Muslim)**



# Be Appreciative & Sensitive

- ◆ Appreciate and recognize people
  - “ The one who does not give thanks to people does not thank Allah”
- ◆ Give gifts to each other
- ◆ Always call others with their preferred names or nicknames
- ◆ Stay away from incessant blame & Reproach



# Maintain Kinship Ties

- ◆ Do not be envious and do not break ties with your brothers in faith or kinship:
  - “There should be no breaking of ties, no turning away from one another, no hating one another, and no envying one another. Be brothers, as Allah has commanded you.” (Muslim)
  - “Mercy will not descend upon a people among whom is one who breaks ties of kinship.”



# Don't be Arrogant

“No one who has even an atom’s weight of pride (arrogance) in his heart will enter Paradise.” A man asked him, “What if he likes his clothes and shoes to look good?” (Meaning is this counted as pride?). The prophet said: “Allah is beautiful and loves beauty. Pride means denying the Truth and looking down on other people.”



# **Don't Beg, Curse nor Disclose Secrets**

- ◆ Be proud and do not beg
  - “Whoever refrains from asking from people, Allah will help him. Whoever tries to be independent, Allah will enrich him. Whoever tries to be patient, Allah will give him patience, and no-one is given a better gift than patience.”
- ◆ Avoid cursing and foul language “ Verily Allah does not love anyone who is foul-mouthed and obscene.”
- ◆ Keep secrets and never disclose them.



# Do not remind the beneficiaries of your charity

- ❖ “There are three to whom Allah will not speak on the Day of Resurrection, nor look at, nor commend them, and theirs will be a severe punishment.”

The messenger of Allah repeated this three times. Abu-Dharr said: “ They are truly lost and doomed. Who are they. O Messenger of Allah?” He said,

*“The one who lets his garment trail below his ankles, the one who reminds people of his charity, and the one who sells his goods by means of making false oaths.”*



## **Do not rejoice in the misfortunes of others**

**“Do not express malicious joy at the misfortune of your brother, for Allah will have mercy on him and inflict misfortune on you.”**



# Give the benefit of the doubt to others

- ❖ Ibn Al-Mubarak said: “The believer always seeks excuses for his brothers whereas the hypocrite hunts for their faults.”



# Refrain from Backbiting and Slander

❖ “ Shall I not tell you who are the best among you? They said, ‘ Of course, O Messenger of Allah.’

He said, Those who, when they are seen, Allah is remembered.’ Then he said, ‘ Shall I not tell you of the worst among you? Those who spread malicious gossip, cause trouble between friends, and seek out faults of good people.”



# Avoid Suspicion

- ❖ “Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the falsest of speech.”
- ❖ “Beware of suspicion, for speaking on the basis of suspicion is the worst kind of lie. Do not seek out one another’s faults, do not spy on one another, do not compete with one another, do not envy one another, do not hate one another, and do not turn away from one another. O servants of Allah, be brothers.” (Bukhari and Muslim)

Let us

**LOVE**

*Sake of Allah*





# SUMMARY OF 'HOW'

- ◆ Be sincere
- ◆ Supplicate
- ◆ Spread the greeting of peace
- ◆ Have a genuine smile
- ◆ Give a gift/present
- ◆ Respect all
- ◆ Place people in their proper status
- ◆ Be an example



# SUMMARY OF 'HOW'

- ◆ Have a good groomed appearance
- ◆ Be humble
- ◆ Be gentle and tender
- ◆ Be kind to all, especially the poor
- ◆ Visit others
- ◆ Accept the invitation
- ◆ Be a solace to the bereaved
- ◆ Have tolerance and be an easy-going person



# SUMMARY OF 'HOW'

- ◆ Use preferred names & nicknames
- ◆ Consult with others (Shura)
- ◆ Be of constant benefit to others
- ◆ Intercede to prevent injustice
- ◆ Spend generously
- ◆ Be a good listener & do not interrupt
- ◆ Be hospitable



# SUMMARY OF 'HOW'

- ◆ Encourage and appreciate positive things
- ◆ Forget and forgive
- ◆ Be wary of incessant blaming
- ◆ Stay away from hatred
- ◆ Do not hunt for mistakes (like the fly)



# SUMMARY OF 'HOW'

- ◆ Be wary of excessive flattery
- ◆ Be wary of reminding people of your favors upon them
- ◆ Be wary of backbiting (Eating someone's flesh)
- ◆ Do not divulge others' secrets
- ◆ Be wary of constant requests

**Thank You  
For Attending  
This Reminder**

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من الطعام الحمد لله ٤٤

