

In the Name of Allah the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
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Praises and thanks are to a God who is The Sufficient for a person who seeks His help. And, He guides the one who asks to be guided. And peace is upon Muhammad and His Ahl-Bait and curses are upon their enemies.

Virtuous

I advice myself and you to be virtuous. Humans could not benefit from large amount of effort without virtue. Little amount of effort concentrated in doing obligations and avoiding forbidden with virtue would save human beings.

Ideal Islamic Man

In the last proclamation, we began to inform you about what makes an ideal man in the Islamic utopia. Also, we have discussed some of the characteristics of an ideal man, and today we will briefly talk about the rest of the characteristics.

The next characteristic of an ideal man is patience in situations of ease and difficulty, violence and convenience. As a matter of fact, the nature of this world has lots of unwelcomed and disasters; however you can't achieve security and victory in your responsibilities unless you are patient and perseverance. This personality is necessary for each and every Muslim, especially Muslim men. And this is because of their great responsibilities in society, family, and their relation with others. Our Prophet (P.B.U.H.A) told us: "The relation of Patience with faith is similar to the relation of head and body". In the same way that human beings can live without hands, feet, eyes, tongue, etc. They cannot live or survive without head. Similarly, a human being cannot have faith without having patience. Furthermore, patience is more important for men due to their high level of responsibilities in family and they are considered the managers of the family. Great god told us: "Men have control over females" so they should be patience in cases of facing other people's misconduct, or impatience of their family. Two great Prophets known as Noah and Loot, used to practice patience when their wives were misconduct. Imam Sadeq (P.B.U.H) said that my father (Imam Baqer) used to say that his father had a wife who used to annoy him, but he always asked for forgiveness for her from god. In Addition, men should also be patience in society. Commander of faithful is a model for us who practiced patience and he used to say I was like a man who had thorns in his eyes and a bone in his throat but still practiced patience. Also, he said I had patience for something that was more bitter than Alqam (A plant that is extremely bitter), and it used to hurt my heart. He was patience for something that was more bitter than poison, and for the heart it was worst than a knife cut. In the same way we should be patient against poverty, and meanwhile we should put some effort for earning alimony. Earning alimony has lots of difficulties and sometimes we might face Haram, so it is important to practice patience against poverty and put effort for Halal alimony. Another example can be told from Ayoob's life, who was given lots of blessings and properties from his god, and was given lots of pious children. For this reason, god wanted to examine his patience. First, god took away his moneys and properties, so he practiced patience. Second, god took away all of his children, and he was patient again. Third, he got sick, and he was still patient. Finally, everyone left him except for his

wife (Rahma, Who was Shoaib's daughter). With all of these disasters he was still patient, so god said we found him as a patient man; he is a great servant.

The third characteristic of an ideal man is generosity and charity. Allah can give his blessings to everyone without people interacting with each other, in the same way that he gives other creatures. However, he gives his blessings from other people's hand; so he can test some of his creatures by their poverty and others by their wealth. So, the best man is the one whose generosity and charity is for benefiting other people.

Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H.A) told us, an ungenerous person is far from god, people, and near to hell. On the other hand, a generous person is close to god, people, and heaven.

Consequently, ungenerous people are far from god, and generous people are close to god because god is the most generous and loves generosity and dislikes ungenerous people. However, Satan loves ungenerous people.

Prophet John (P.B.A.H) saw Satan and asked him "what do you like"? And Satan responded the best person for me is an ungenerous believer, and the worst is a hypocrite who is generous. Again Prophet John asked why? And Satan responded because generosity is a characteristic of god and I'm afraid that god forgives the hypocrite because of the person's generosity.

For instance, Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H.A) forgave and let free some of the hostages when Gabriel informed him that some of them are generous. Surprisingly, when the hostages heard that they were freed because of their generosity they became Muslim, and their generosity lead them to heaven.

Moreover, the distance between an ungenerous person and other people is due to the person's misbehavior towards family members and relatives.

Commander of faithful has told us that no one likes ungenerous people. And ungenerous people are away from correlation of society and cooperation. May god save us from being ungenerous.

Coming Days

The next Thursday 25th of Rajab, is the day of martyrdom of the 7th Imam-Imam Mosa ibn Jaffar- and he was an ideal example of excellent behavior that a human being can have. Such as his famous generosity; and it has been narrated to us in many hadithes. Also, his worships are well known to everyone, and when one of his enemies (Marooni) saw Imam worshipping for a long time, he became one of his lovers. Furthermore, he used to worship all night with long prostrations and crying for the almightiness of Allah.

His patience when promoting Islam to everyone made cruel kings to send him from one jail to another until they martyred him.

Today, is the anniversary of the martyrdom of Shaikh Sadooqi, which is the supreme position that human beings can have. Some personalities that made him special, is his presence and help in the social disasters