

Akhlq al Hasanah / Beautiful Character

Akhlaq is plural of Khulq which means Character behavior and attitude which is expressed naturally without thinking about it.

Behavior can be of two types:

1. Beautiful character (Akhlaq al Hasanah)
2. Awful character (Akhlaq as Sayyiah)

Importance of beautiful character in Quran:

Allah Almighty has mentioned in the Holy Quran the tremendous and beautiful character of the Prophet (saw) since the Holy Prophet (saw) is the best example for us to follow. His life is a perfect example of guidance for us.

1. And assuredly You (O Muhammad pbuh) have been placed on the most glorious and exalted character (Ch: 68 Verse: 4)
 2. I have spent a lifetime among you with my character , so do you not realize ? (Ch: 10 Verse 17)
- In the first verse Almighty Allah confirms that the most tremendous and exalted character is the character of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) . This guarantee was not given to any previous Prophet.
 - In the second verse Almighty Allah asks his Prophet to say to the non believers of Makkah to think about the life of the Prophet (saw) prior to announcement of Prophet hood. This life reflects his beautiful character and this is according to Allah the greatest proof of the Prophet's Prophecy.
 - The prophet's beautiful behavior is such that no one else can equal Him in the same beautiful behavior. He was so generous that he never shouted, screamed, talked ill about anyone, was most humble and even would borrow to give to the poor

Importance of beautiful character in the Hadith:

The Holy Prophet (saw) has emphasized the importance of beautiful character by saying :

- The best believer is the one who has beautiful character and who behaves very kindly to his family (Tirmidhi: 2612)
- Those who posses beautiful character among you will be the closest to me in the Paradise (Tirmidhi : 2018)
- Indeed a believer starts praying and fasting (becomes a worshipper) through adopting beautiful character (Abu Dawud: 3798)
- Nothing will be more heavier on the scale than beautiful character (Tirmidhi: 3799)

Definition of Character:

Character is part of your personality. It is your behavior and attitude with other people, which you express without thinking. It is part of your personality. If you have to think and make effort to express positive behavior then this is not yet your character. You have to aim to make beautiful behavior and attitude part of your personality.

Qualities of beautiful Character

- Humbleness
- No Proudness
- No prejudice
- Mercy and Kindness
- Forgiving others
- Always thanking Allah
- Being generous
- Loving the poor and those who are socially lower
- Helping others in need
- Not backbiting
- Being Simple
- Patience
- Respecting others

To Be Continued Insha Allah