

Some Outstanding Qualities of the Holy Prophet(SAW)

Honesty and Truthfulness:

- All the people in Makkah appreciated and recognized his honesty and truthfulness and used to call him Al-Sadiq, The Truthful and Al-Amin – The trustworthy.
- Hazrat Khadija married him because of his qualities of honesty and trustworthiness.
- Even the bitterest enemies of Islam, Abu Jahl and Abu Sufyan, admitted that Muhammad (SAW) was not a liar; they just thought that what he said, they did not deem to be right and so they opposed him.
- When he started preaching Islam publicly for the first time and asked. "*O Quraish! If I say that an army is advancing on you from behind the mountain, would you believe me?*" They all unanimously said: "Yes, because we have never heard you tell a lie."
- He practiced these qualities all through his life, no matter what the circumstances were and this was acknowledged by all, even those who were hell-bent to eliminate him one-way or the other.
- The Holy Prophet (SAW) said: "*Truth leads to piety and piety leads to Jannat. A man persists in speaking the truth till he is enrolled with Allah as a truthful. Falsehood leads to vice and vice leads to the Fire (Hell), and a person persists on telling lies until he is enrolled as a liar.*" (*Al-Bukhari & Muslim*)

Humility and Modesty:

- The Holy Prophet (SAW) said: "*Allah has revealed to me that you should humble yourself to one another. One should neither hold himself above nor transgress against another.*" He practiced it to an extent that he disliked if anyone stood up when he entered a room, for he never wished to be treated as a ruler.
- When Hazrat Ayesha was asked what did Allah's Messenger (SAW) used to do inside his house, she said: "*He used to keep himself busy helping members of his family and when it was time for salat, he would get up for prayer.*" (*Al-Bukhari*)
- It shows how humble and modest the Holy Prophet (SAW) was because he never deemed it as an insult and indignity when he extended his cooperation to women in household affairs.
- When he entered Makkah as a conqueror, he exhibited humility, gentleness and modesty and not pride, arrogance or self-conceit, in line with what has been commanded in the Holy Quran:
 - "*And walk not on earth with conceit and arrogance.*" (17:37)
 - "*And turn not your face away from men with pride, nor walk in insolence through the earth. Verily, Allah likes not any arrogant boaster.*" (31:18)
- The Holy Prophet (SAW) said:
- "*Every religion has a distinctive quality and the distinctive quality of Islam is modesty. (Ibn Majah).... Modesty is part of faith, and faith is in Paradise and indecency is from evil and evil is in Hell.*" (*Ahmad and Tirmizi*)
- All the Messengers of Allah practiced and preached humility. The Holy Quran says:
- "*Before thee we sent (messengers) to many nations, and we afflicted the nations with suffering and adversity, that they might learn humility.*" (6:42)

- “*And be kind and humble to the believers who follow you.*” (26:215)
- The Holy Prophet (SAW) not only himself lived a simple, modest life but taught his followers to be humble, kind and courteous to all.

Fulfillment of Promises and Honoring the Covenants:

- The Holy Prophet (SAW) was known as Al sadiq & Al Amin, he always fulfilled his promises, so much so that people used to keep their valuables with him for safe keeping. He was so careful in it that when he secretly migrated to Medina, he left Hazrat Ali behind so that he could return the trusts that people had left with him.
- When the Holy Prophet (SAW) wrote a letter to Heracleus, the Caesar of the Byzantine Empire, inviting him to embrace Islam, the Roman Emperor checked up the credentials of the Holy Prophet (SAW) from Abu Sufyan who, was there in Palestine for his business at that time. What a tribute it is to the Holy Prophet (SAW) that even his worst enemy confirmed to Heraclius that the Holy Prophet (SAW) had never broken his promise and that allover he was reputed to be a trustworthy and truthful person.
- It certainly speaks of the perfection of character when we visualize the Holy Prophet (SAW) returning Abu Jandal, a Muslim from Makkah, who escaped prison and managed to reach the place where the Treaty of Hudaibiya was being written, to the enemies saying:
- **“O Abu Jandal ! Be patient, we can not break the treaty. Allah will soon find a way for you.”**
- The same he did when he disallowed two of his Companions to participate in the Battle of Badr because they had pledged to the Makkahns that they would not fight on the side of the Muslims while seeking release from them.
- The Holy Prophet (SAW) said: “*For everyone who breaks his covenant, there will be a flag on the Day of Judgment, and it will be said: ‘This is (proof of) betrayal by so and so.’*” (*Muslim*).
- “Allah Almighty said: “*I will contend against three (types of) people on the Day of judgment: A person who has made a covenant in My Name and then has broken it.....*” (*Al-Bukarhi*)
- “*Whoever possesses these four characteristics is a hypocrite; and anyone who possesses one of them in fact possesses a trait of hypocrisy until he gives it up: When he is entrusted (with something), he proves dishonest.... When he makes a covenant, he breaks it....*”. (*Al-Bukhari and Muslim*)
- By his personal example, the Holy Prophet (SAW) set an example for all mankind. The Holy Quran says: “*O you who believe! Fulfill (all) obligations.*” (5:1).... “*And fulfill the covenant, for the covenant shall be questioned about.*” (17:34)

(4) Forgiving others’ Offences:

- Allah, the Exalted, says:
- “*Let them forgive and Passover (the offence). Do you not desire that Allah should forgive you?*” (24:22)
- “*Repel evil with that which is best.*”(23:96)

- A great quality of the Holy Prophet (SAW) was that he never took revenge from anyone, so much so that he forgave even his bitterest enemies. When he conquered Makkah, the city where he and his followers were subjected to ruthless torture, humiliation, insults, boycott and persecution for thirteen long years, he pardoned everyone by granting general amnesty to all, something which hardly has any parallel in world history.
- When the Holy Prophet (SAW) was maltreated at Taif, the angel of mountains greeted him and said:
- *“O Muhammad, Allah listened to what your people had said to you so that you may give me your orders. If you wish I will bring together the two mountains that stand opposite to each other at the extremities of Makkah to crush them in between.”* But Allah’s Messenger said: *“I rather hope that Allah will raise from among their descendants people as will worship Allah the One, and will not ascribe partners to Him (in worship).”* (*Al-Bukhari and Muslim*).
- In the Battle of Uhud, when the face and head of the Holy Prophet (SAW) were bleeding, his Companions asked him to curse the enemies, but he said that he was not sent to curse but to invite people to the path of Allah.
- Only a man of his sterling personality could have forgiven Wehshi, who killed Hazrat Hamza in the Battle of Uhud or Hind, the wife of Abu Sufyan, who had torn out and chewed Hazrat Hamza’s liver.
- Whenever he dealt with any situation, he always kept in view the commands of Allah who says:
 - *“Show forgiveness, enjoin what is good, and turn away from the foolish.”* (7:199)
 - *“So overlook (O Muhammad) their faults with gracious forgiveness.”* (15:85)
 - *“And Verily, whosoever shows patience and forgives, that would truly be from the things recommended by Allah.”* (42:43)

Life Lessons from the life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the last Messenger of Allah Almighty on which the last sacred book Noble Quran revealed. Being a Prophet and Messenger of Allah (SWT), He (SAW) delivered the message of Allah Almighty, explained it and applied it to Himself and on His family. Muhammad (SAW) is the human being of excellent morals and character, so if we want to lead a successful life then we should follow the path explained by Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Allah Almighty says in Noble Quran about Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in these words:

***“You are indeed an exalted standard of character and morals”*(Quran, 68: 4).**

So, if we actually want to lead a successful life we should acquire life lessons from Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Allah Almighty sent Prophet Muhammad (SAW) not only to spread the message of truth but also to show the world the ideal way of living one's life. Life lessons that we can learn from Prophet Muhammad (SAW) cover different matters of life, such as business, relationships, faithfulness and living together in tranquility.

Below we have put together some life lessons that we all should follow to lead a fruitful life in this world and also in Hereafter.

- Always speak the truth in your life no matter what's the situation is. Learn to be truthful, honest and sincere. Beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: **“The best Jihad is when one speaks a true word in the presence of a cruel ruler.”**
- We learn to be kind, gentle, patient and tolerant just like Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Spreading useful knowledge is the attribute communicated by the Prophet (SAW) on Muslims.
- Do good always even to those who offended you, give charity to the poor and help the needy without expecting any material reward in return just like our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).
- The Messenger of Allah (SAW) had an excellent, complete and sound intellect. No man has ever had an intellect as complete and perfect as His. So we should follow Him if we want to live a successful and perfect life.
- One should think beyond narrow borders. Holy Prophet (SAW) said: **“He is not one of us who calls for Tribalism/Nationalism, or who fights for Tribalism, or who dies for Tribalism.”** So we should try to think beyond this no one is superior in terms of tribalism.
- One should be honest in trading or in business. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was very honest in conducting trade and in His day to day affairs.
- Live simple life with little regard to worldly possessions. Our beloved Prophet (SAW) adopted a simple and modest lifestyle. So we should also try to live a simple life without being so much involved in worldly possessions.
- Always wish good for others just like Prophet Muhammad (SAW) did in His life. Muhammad (SAW) said: **“A believer wishes for others what he wishes for himself.”**

- Do not be unfair to others just like Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Messenger of Allah (SAW) warned those who do injustice to others in these words: “**Beware of injustice, for injustice will be darkness on the Day of Resurrection.**”
- Holy Prophet (PBUH) was a man of high spirits and lofty character. One of His sayings is, “**Even a smile can be charity.**” Muhammad (SAW) was always respectful of the old, caring towards the weak and loving towards the children. We all should behave just like Prophet (PBUH) in our lives.
- Treat your neighbors with Kindness. Our beloved Prophet (SAW) said: “**Treat your neighbors in a kind and polite manner.**”
- Do not criticize others. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: “**Always remember your own faults before you mention the faults of others.**”

In short, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) is the great role model for Muslims in every aspect of life. Quran is the book of guidance and Muhammad (SAW) implemented the teachings of Quran in His life for us so that we can learn from His life. May Allah (SWT) give us the strength to learn and implement His virtues in order to succeed in this life and Hereafter! Ameen