

Dignified outside – humorous inside

Narrated from Thabit ibn Ubayd رحمه الله he said:

مَا رَأَيْتُ أَحَدًا أَجَلَّ إِذَا جَلَسَ مَعَ الْقَوْمِ ، وَلَا أَفْكَهَ فِي بَيْتِهِ ، مِنْ زَيْدِ بْنِ ثَابِتٍ

I have not seen anyone more dignified when he sat with the people, or more humorous in his home, than Zayd ibn Thabit.¹

Shaykh Abdul Razzaq Al Badr: This is from the noble manners; for the person to be kind in the home and loving, playful and sociable with his family and children. This is because most of the time the person enters the home while he is fatigued, tired from work and mixing with the people and having friction with them. And in most cases when most people enter their homes they search for peace and quiet. He doesn't want to hear a sound or speak with anyone, let alone engage those around him to bring them comfort and show them kindness. If the person has forbearance along with tremendous and good character when he enters the home, then he will accommodate his children and his household with compassion and affability and his beautiful manners.

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¹ الأدب المفرد للبخاري 286 صحيح الألباني