

# NABI ﷺ'S KINDNESS



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Allah ﷻ says in the Qur'an :

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

“Certainly, there has come to you a Messenger from among yourselves; your sufferings tell hard upon him; he is ardently desirous of your (welfare) and (he is) very loving and merciful to the believers.” (Surat Tawbah)

Malik Bin Huwayrith رضى الله عنه described the august Prophet ﷺ as :

According to the dictionary, “kindness is the quality of being considerate.”  
According to me, kindness is what we see in the character of the revered Prophet ﷺ

وَكَانَ رَفِيقًا رَحِيمًا

“He was kindhearted and merciful” (Sahih Al Bukhari)

Kindness is a word that is usually associated with generosity, warmth, affection and concern.

Kindness means being there for someone in the time of need. It is a word that encapsulates all forms of helpfulness, be it boosting someones confidence, lending a helping hand to someone in need or simply expanding a few muscles to form a sweet smile! Most people tend to imply that kindness is a weakness. I however believe that kindness requires strength and courage. In a world rocked by cruelty and selfishness, spreading acts of kindness is the greatest charity you could do. Kindness is what endears a person to everyone around, and it is what made the the universe fall in love with Muhammad ﷺ.

My beloved Habeeb ﷺ was an expert at winning the hearts of people. He ﷺ captured the hearts of the poor, slaves, servants, women, children, people who had been granted the honour to see Him - and yes, even people who had never been able to cast a glance at Him. It was the habit of the esteemed Prophet ﷺ to treat people with warmness, regardless of their looks,

**Islam was spread** financial status and social position.  
**by kindness.**

Today, people are under the misconception that good manners ought to be shown to the rich only. On the other hand, my beloved Nabi ﷺ extended his benevolence to both the rich and poor. There was a man from the village, known as Zahir. Every time he would visit the Prophet ﷺ, he would bring gifts packed with love and decorated with devotion. The Prophet ﷺ would return him with gifts from the city. He would often say, “Zahir is our bedouin and we are his city-dwellers”.

During one of his visits to Madinah Munawwarah, Zahir did not find the Prophet ﷺ and decided to pay the marketplace a visit. The Prophet ﷺ saw Zahir and tightly clasped him into his bosom, which made him kick right and left rather frantically. As soon as he caught a glimpse of the beautiful countenance of the Prophet ﷺ, he calmed down. The Prophet ﷺ began joking with him, announcing, "Who will buy this slave?". Zahir was quick to respond, saying, "you will find me unmarketable, O Rasulallah ﷺ". The Prophet of Allah



ﷺ lovingly replied, "But you are not unmarketable in the eyes of Allah ﷻ. You are very precious to Allah ﷻ". SubhanaAllah, this was the miraculous manner in which Nabi ﷺ would win over the hearts of the poor.

The venerable Prophet ﷺ often advised people to treat their women with gentleness. He ﷺ said, 'When I stand for prayer, I intend to prolong it but on hearing the cries of a child, I cut it short, as I dislike to trouble the child's mother.' (Sahih al Bukhari)

The mercy of Nabi ﷺ did not just shower upon women and slaves, but it extended endlessly to children, as well. He ﷺ would show the best form of treatment with children. Anas رضى الله عنه said, "The Prophet ﷺ was the best of all the people in character. I had a brother called Abu `Umar, who, I think, had been newly weaned. Whenever he (that child) was brought to the Prophet ﷺ the Prophet ﷺ used to say, "O Abu `Umar! What did Al-Nughair (nightingale) (do)?" It was a nightingale with which he used to play. Sometimes the time of the Prayer became due while he (the Prophet) was in our house. He would order that the carpet underneath him be swept and sprayed with water, and then he would stand up (for the prayer) and we would line up behind him, and he would lead us in prayer." (Sahih al Bukhari)

The honourable Prophet of Allah ﷺ was indeed the most friendly man to ever be.

Mahmud Bin Rabi' رضى الله عنه narrated, "When I was a boy of five, I remember, the Prophet ﷺ

took water from a bucket (used for getting water out of a well) with his mouth and threw it on my

The Prophet ﷺ showed one and all that he cared. That was how he was able to take over their hearts and that was how he was and is endeared to the world.

face." (Sahih al Bukhari)

Rasulullah ﷺ was extremely lively and cheerful with everyone. He always made it a point to bring a smile on people's faces.

Anas رضى الله عنه narrated, "A man sought a mount from the Messenger of

Allah who said: 'Indeed, I will let you ride on a she-camel's child.' So he said: 'O Messenger of Allah! What can a she-camel's child do?' So the Messenger of Allah said: 'Are camels borne from other than she-camels?'" (Jami Tirmidhi)

Once, he jokingly referred to Anas رضى الله عنه as "the possessor of two ears"

Allah ﷻ said to his beloved Prophet ﷺ: "We have sent you as mercy...", not only to the Muslims, but instead "to the world." Thus, the Prophet ﷺ would always be fair, gracious and merciful to the disbelievers.

Aisha رضى الله عنها said, "The Jews came to the Prophet ﷺ and said to him, "As-Samu 'Alaika (i.e., Death be upon you)." He replied, 'The same on you.' " `Aisha said to them, "Death be upon you, and may Allah curse you and shower His wrath upon you!" Allah's Messenger ﷺ I said, "Be gentle and calm, O `Aisha! Be gentle and beware of being harsh and of saying evil things." She said, "Didn't you hear what they said?" He said, "Didn't you hear what I replied (to them)? have returned their statement to them, and my invocation against them will be accepted but theirs against me will not be accepted." (Sahih al Bukhari)

Jabir رضى الله عنه reported, "I went in an expedition along with the Prophet (ﷺ) in the direction of Nejd. When Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) returned, I also returned with him. Then the mid-day sleep overtook us in a valley full of prickly shrubs. Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) got down and the people scattered around seeking shade under the trees. Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) hang up his sword on the branch of a tree. We were enjoying a sleep when Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) called us, and lo! There was a desert Arab bedouin near him. He (ﷺ) said, "This man brandished my sword over me while I was asleep. I woke up and saw it in his hand unsheathed. He asked: 'Who will protect you from me?' I replied: 'Allah' - thrice". He did not punish him and sat down." (Sahih al Bukhari)

The merciful Prophet (ﷺ) pardoned him, treated him well and as a result of that, captured his heart. The man, as the chief of his tribe went on to invite his people to Islam, which they wholeheartedly accepted. The kind conduct of the Master (ﷺ) resulted in a whole nation entering the fold of Islam.

Our Rasool (ﷺ) conquered the hearts of thousands, whilst we scare away millions. How common is it that people are turned away from Islam due to the ill-treatment they receive at the hands of the Muslims? How frequent is it that one annoys his employees? How normal is it that one deceives his customer? Let us start afresh. Let us start now, by treading the footsteps of our leader Muhammad (ﷺ).

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