Publisher's Note

In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

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The Best Role Model

Allâh revealed the Qur'an to guide us to what pleases Him. With it He teaches us many important lessons. Among these lessons He has stressed that it is important for us to follow the behavior of the Messenger whom He sent as our role model. Allâh said:

[[Qur'an: 33:21]]

"Indeed in Allâh’s Messenger you have a good example to follow."

The Prophet's wife was asked about his behavior, and she said that his character was that of the Qur'an.
Allâh ﷺ showed us the way to earn His love and forgiveness, and to prove that we really love Him. This will occur only when we follow Muhammad ﷺ, about whom He said:

«قل إن كنت تُحبون الله فأتَّقوني يَحْبِبُكُم الله وَيَغْفِر لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَالله عَفَوٌ رَحِيمٌ»

[آل عمران: 31]

"Say: 'If you love Allâh, then follow me, Allâh will love you and forgive your sin, and Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (3:31)"

To further emphasize this, Allâh ﷺ says:

«فَلْيُحَدَِّّرُ الرَّأَّسِ الَّذِينَ يَغْلِبُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِيَّانّ»

[النور: 63]"So let those who oppose the Messenger's order beware that they will be stricken by some affliction or suffer a painful torment." (24:63)

The Prophet ﷺ taught us that when his name is mentioned, we should say:

" صلى الله عليه وسلم"

"Sallallâhu ‘Alayhi wa Sallam."

Which means, "May Allâh mention him and grant him peace."
Every Day Matters and Morals

Personal Hygiene
There are certain acts related to personal hygiene which the Prophet encouraged. They include: circumcision, trimming the mustache and growing the beard, regular removal of pubic hair, trimming the nails, removing underarm hairs, and brushing the teeth before prayer. Some of these acts are emphasized more than others. One may learn more in the relevant books that explain these matters.

Good Companions
The Prophet said that the righteous gathering in comparison to the evil gathering is like the case of the musk dealer and the blacksmith. With the musk dealer, you will either get some from him, or its smell will remain on your clothes. So either way when you part, you part with a good smell. But in the case of the blacksmith, he will either burn your clothes, or when you part, you will wind up with them smelling that way.

Truthfulness
Allâh said:

وَعَامَّةٌ أَتَّبَعُونَهَا وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ
[al-Nûma: 119]

"O you who believe! Be afraid of Allâh and be with the truthful." (9:119)
And:

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ِيَتَأْمَدُوا الْخَيْرَاتَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ وَيَتَعَلَّمُوا الْكُلُّ دُلْلَةٌ
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[الزُّبَر: 71]

"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him, and speak always the truth. He will direct you to do good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger, he has indeed achieved a great achievement."

(33:70-71)

Modesty

The Prophet ﷺ told us that modesty or shyness is a part of Faith.

Patience

Allâh informed us of the importance of patience:

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وَالْعَصْرِ ۖ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خَسَرٍ
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[الجُمُهُور: 13-14]

"By the time. Indeed man is in loss, except those who believe, and do righteous deeds, enjoin each other with the truth and