

# Pearls of Wisdom

SAYINGS OF

MUHAMMAD

PEACE BE UPON HIM

## **In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful**

As the final Prophet and Messenger of God, Muhammad - Peace Be Upon Him (PBUH), was sent as a mercy to all that exist.

**“We sent thee not, but as a Mercy for all creatures”  
[Qur'an 21:107]**

Like his predecessors who spoke gems of wisdom, below are a few of his sayings.

### **Under the Shade of God**

There will be seven persons sheltered under the shade of God on the Day of Judgment when there will be no other shade besides His shade. They are: a just ruler; a young man who passes his youth in worship and service of God, the Lord of honor and glory, one who's heart is perpetually attached to the mosque; two such persons who love each other for the sake of God, they join together for His sake, and parted for His sake; a man who is invited for sin by a rich beautiful woman but declines, saying I fear God; one who gives charity in a secret way without making a show, in a way that his left hand does not know what his right hand spent; and one who remembers God in solitude so that his eyes overflow (fill with tears).

### **Charity**

Every part of a person's body must perform a charity every day the sun comes up: to act justly between two people is a charity; to help a man with his mount, lifting him onto it or hoisting his belongings onto it is a charity; a good word is a charity; every step you take to prayer is a charity; and removing a harmful thing from the road is a charity.

### **Good Deed**

Do not consider even the smallest good as insignificant; even meeting your brother with a cheerful face is a good deed.

### **Kindness**

May I point out to you the person who is not destined for the Fire, or whom the Fire of Hell will not touch? It will not touch the person who is close to the people, and who is soft; lenient and kindhearted.

## **Good Manners**

The thing which will make the majority of people enter paradise is piety to God and good manners.

## **Truthfulness**

Truthfulness leads to piety and piety leads to the Garden. A man should be truthful until he is written down as truthful in the sight of God. Lying leads to deviance and deviance leads to the Fire. A person lies to the point that he is written down as a liar in the sight of God.

## **Brotherhood**

None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.

## **Gentleness and Toleration**

You have two qualities which God, the most exalted, likes and loves: one is gentleness and the other is toleration.

## **Love**

A man came to the Prophet (PBUH) and asked him: "Messenger of God, tell me something by which I could win the love of God and the people." The Prophet told him: "Do not love the world and God will love you, and do not have a longing for that which people have and they will love you."

## **Marriage**

A man marries a woman for four reasons: either for the sake of her wealth, her family chain, her charms or her love of religion. Try to marry one for the sake of her religiousness, and you will be blessed.

## **Kindness to One's Wife**

The most perfect amongst believers in faith is he who is the best in manner and kindest to his wife.

## **Mothers**

A man asked the Messenger of God (PBUH), who amongst his near ones had the greatest right over him. The Prophet replied: "Your mother." He asked, "Then who is next?" The Prophet replied: "Your mother." He again asked, "Then who is next?" The Prophet replied: "Your mother." He asked, "Then who is next?" The Prophet replied: "Your father."

## **Neighbors**

Let he who believes in God and the Last Day, either speak good things or keep silent. Let he who believes in God and the Last Day be kind to his neighbor, and let he who believes in God and the Last Day be generous to his guest.

## **Children and Elders**

Anyone who is not kind to children and does not show respect for elders does not belong to our community.

## **Mercy**

God, the Merciful, shows mercy upon the merciful people. So show mercy upon the earthly creatures so that One who is in Heaven should show mercy on you.

## **Hardship**

When God wants to favor somebody, He tries him by putting him under some hardship.

## **Steadfastness**

What an extraordinary thing the business of the believer is! All of it is good for him. And that only applies to the believer. If good fortune is his lot, he is grateful and it is good for him. If something harmful happens to him, he is steadfast and that is good for him too.

## **Poverty**

A poor person is not one who goes around begging and who can be turned away with a morsel or a date. A truly poor person is one who has insufficient means to live on, and does not disclose his poverty so that he may be given alms, nor stands up to beg.

## **Trust in God**

If you were to rely on God as He should be relied on, He would provide for you as He provides for the birds. They go out in the morning hungry and return in the evening full.

## **Anger**

The strong man is not the one who throws people in wrestling. The strong man is the one who has control of himself when he is angry.

## **Responsibility**

Every one of you is a protector and guardian of his immediate charge and is responsible for the actions of those people who are

committed to his charge. A ruler is also responsible and is accountable for those who are put under his charge. A man is responsible in respect to the family members of his house. A woman is responsible to her husband's house and his children. In short every one of you is responsible and accountable for those who are placed under your care.

### **Authority**

A time is coming when you will aspire for public offices and authority but beware, it will be a matter of humiliation and repentance on the Day of Judgment.

### **Stopping Evil**

Anybody amongst you who notices something evil should correct it with his own hands. If he is unable to do so, he should correct it with his tongue. If he is unable even to do this, he should at least consider it as bad in his heart, for this is the lowest degree of faith.

### **Jihad**

The best jihad is when a person speaks the truth before a tyrant ruler.

### **Stranger**

Abdullah, son of Omar said: "The Messenger of God caught my shoulder and said: 'Be in this world as if you are a stranger or a traveler.'"

### **Sins**

Virtue is good conduct, and sin fills your mind with guilt and makes you fear that other people will know your sins.

### **Suspicion**

Avoid suspicion, for suspicion is the greatest lie. Do not be inquisitive about one another, or spy on one another. Do not outbid one another with a view to raising the price. Do not feel jealous and do not hold grudges against one another. Do not backbite, but be the servants of God like brothers amongst yourselves.

### **Hypocrite**

A hypocrite has three distinguishing signs; first when he speaks, he tells a lie; second when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and third when something is entrusted to him, he misappropriates it.

### **Injustice**

Beware of injustice. Injustice will be darkness on the Day of Rising. Beware of greed. Greed destroyed those before you and prompted them to shed each other's blood and make lawful what was unlawful.

### **Greediness**

Richness does not lie in the abundance of worldly goods but richness is the richness of the soul.

### **Earnings**

The Prophet said, "A time is coming to humankind when the individual does not care whether his gains are ethical or ill-gotten."

### **Meddling**

When you pursue the private life of people, you lead them to corruption.

### **Nosiness**

Part of someone's being a good Muslim is his leaving alone that which does not concern him.

### **Trials**

The most harmful trial (cause of mischief) for men is women.

### **Supplication**

The Prophet (PBUH) used to pray: "O God, I seek your protection against worry, sorrow, weakness, indolence, cowardice, stinginess, burden of debts and the oppression from people."

### **Death**

None of you should wish for death because of some harm which has befallen him. If he has got to do something, he should say, 'O Allah, make me live if life is best for me and make me die if death is best for me.

### **Signs of the Last Day**

The time will be close to the Last Day. The knowledge (of religion) will be taken away and the trials will come. Stinginess will dominate and Al-harj will take place frequently. The companions said: "What is Al-harj?" The Prophet said: "The bloodshed."

### **Jesus**

Muhammad (PBUH) said: "I am most akin to Jesus Christ among the whole of mankind, and all the Prophets are of

different mothers, but belong to one religion. No Prophet was born between my time and Jesus.”

### Major Sins

Among the major sins are: association of anybody with God, disobedience to parents, killing of a person, and taking a false oath (perjury).

### The Lord

O God, You are my Lord, there is no deity but You, You created me and I am your servant and I abide to Your covenant and promise as best as I can, I seek refuge in You from the evil of what I have done, I acknowledge Your favor upon me and I confess my sin, so forgive me, for none forgives sins except You.

### Remembrance of God

Muhammad (PBUH) said: “Allah the Almighty says: ‘I am as My servant thinks I am. I am with him when he makes mention of Me. If he makes mention of Me to himself, I make mention of him to Myself; and if he makes mention of Me in an assembly, I make mention of him in an assembly better than it. And if he draws near to Me a hand’s span, I draw near to him an arm’s length; and if he draws near to me an arm’s length, I draw near to him a fathom’s length. And if he comes to Me walking, I go to him at speed.’”

### Forgiveness

God the Almighty has said: “O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you. O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, believing in Me, and not associating anybody with Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great as the earth is.”

### Hope

When God created creation, He wrote in a book which is with Him above the Throne, ‘My mercy prevails over My anger.’



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