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Prophet Muhammad as a Role Model at Home and in his Life

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“A Messenger has come to you from among yourselves. Your suffering distresses him: he is deeply concerned for you and full of kindness and mercy towards the believers.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

The Almighty Allah has chosen His Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from among all of His creation. He, the Almighty, relieved the heart of his Prophet, gave him a great status, and blessed him with all the attributes of human perfection. Therefore, the Prophet (PBUH) had the best morals, the purest heart, the noblest intellect and the best way in dealing with others. The Almighty Allah said, **“Indeed, you are a man of an outstanding character.”**

When examining the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), one finds that he was indeed the best example for all humanity, as the Almighty Allah said, **“The Messenger of Allah is an excellent model for those of you who put**

your hope in Allah and the Last Day and remember Him often.” Thus, he (PBUH) was the best husband, the best father, and the best grandfather, especially as he said, “The best one among you is he who is best to his family, and I am the best among you to my family.”

What a great moment when we study part of his good manners in his house to discover how good he was with his family. His wife Khadija described him (PBUH) saying, “You keep good relations with your kin, you bear the burden of the weak, you help the poor and the needy, you entertain the guests and endure hardships in the path of truthfulness.” The Prophet remained faithful to Khadija even after her death. Once, an old woman came to the Prophet and he treated her well and showed hospitality to her. Aishah asked the Prophet about the reason for such treatment and he replied, “She used to visit us when Khadija was alive. To be faithful to others is an aspect of one’s belief.” Moreover, he (PBUH) used to say about Khadija, “Allah never gave me a better wife than her. She had faith in me when people rejected me. She believed in me when the people disbelieved me. She supported me with her wealth when the people prevented me. And Allah blessed me with children through her and not through any other wife.”

The Prophet (PBUH) used to help his family in their duties as ‘Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said, “He (PBUH) used to sew his clothes, mend his sandals, and work as any man works in his house.” ‘Aishah was asked: “What did Messenger of Allah (PBUH) use to do at home?” She answered: “He used to keep himself busy helping his family, and when it was the

time for Prayer, he would get up for prayer.” Our Prophet (PBUH) was keen to bring pleasure to his family by devoting time for them. For example, at night he would walk with Aishah and speak with her.

His daughters enjoyed his kindness and good manners. It is reported that, “Whenever his daughter Fatimah came to him, he would stand up for her, make her welcome, kiss her and have her sit in his place. When the Prophet came to her, she would stand up for him, take his hand, make him welcome, kiss him, and make him sit in her place.” Aisha said, “We, the wives of Allah's Messenger (PBUH), were with him (during his last illness).

Fatima came and she was walking in the same style of the Prophet (PBUH), and when he saw her he welcomed her saying, ‘You are welcome, my daughter.’ He then made her sit on next to him.”

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers: -

The Prophet (BUH) was the best grandfather to his grandchildren. He used to show them kindness, sympathy and love. Once, He (PBUH) was delivering a *Khutbah* when he saw al-Hasan and al-Husain wearing red shirts, walking and stumbling. He came down and picked them up to the *Minbar*.” Also, the Prophet (PBUH) once saw al-Husain playing in the street. The Prophet came and stretched out his hands, and the child started

to run here and there. The Prophet made him laugh until he caught him and kissed him, and said, "Husain is part of me and I am part of him. May Allah love those who love Husain."

Another time, the Prophet (PBUH) was leading people in prayer, and his granddaughter "Umamah" came to him. He carried her while standing and when he prostrated, he would put her on the ground. He also used to play with "Zainab" the daughter of his wife Umm Salamah and give her beautiful nicknames.

How much we need to follow the example of our Prophet (PBUH) in all the affairs of his life, as he was the most merciful, generous, truthful, and just among all people. To follow the example of the Prophet (PBUH) is a sign of loving him as the Almighty Allah said, **"Say, 'If you love Allah, follow me, and Allah will love you and forgive you your sins; Allah is most forgiving, most merciful.'"**

May Allah guide us to follow the example of our Prophet (PBUH) in the best way!