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Qualities of Believers As Recorded in the Glorious Qur'an

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“But for those who believe and do good deeds there will be Gardens graced with flowing streams: that is the great triumph.”** 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.

To be a believer is one of the greatest blessings that the Almighty Allah may grant to a person, as Allah -the Most High- said, **“It is Allah who has done you a favour by guiding you to faith, if you are truly sincere.”** Belief is the way to enjoy a safe and secure life, and to gain success and great reward. Allah said, **“To whoever, male or female, does good deeds and has faith, We shall give a good life and reward them according to the best of their actions,”** and said, **“Those who believe, do good deeds, keep up the prayer, and pay the prescribed alms will have their reward with their Lord: no fear for them, nor will they grieve.”**

When contemplating the Glorious Quran, one finds that the Almighty Allah mentions many qualities for the believers, including: adhering to the performance of Prayers at their timings, and perfecting all of its pillars with the due submission. Allah said, “[How] **prosperous are the believers: those who pray humbly,**” then He, (Glory be to Him) said about them, **“and who keep up their prayers.”**

Another quality for believers is: to avoid what is useless, whether it is a saying or an action. Allah praised the believers saying, **“Those who avoid idle talks.”** Thus, believers keep themselves far away from trivial matters, and busy themselves with great ones. Allah said about them, **“And they turn away whenever they hear idle talk.”** Allah, the most High, also said, **“[The servants of the Lord of Mercy are] those who do not give false testimony, and who, when they see some frivolity, pass by with dignity.”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, “A sign of man’s good observance of Islam (his piety) is to keep away from that which does not concern him.”

Another quality for believers is: giving charity, commanding what is good, and forbidding what is evil, as the Almighty Allah said, **“Who pay the prescribed alms.”** Allah also said, **“The believers, both men and women, support each other; they order what is right and forbid what is wrong; they keep up the prayer and pay the prescribed alms; they obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah will give His mercy to such people: Allah is almighty and wise.”**

Another quality for believers is that: they are the people of chastity and piety, as the Almighty Allah said, **“Those who guard their chastity. Except with their spouses or their slaves--with these they are not to blame.”** The Prophet (PBUH) used to ask Allah to grant him chastity, as he said, **“O Allah! I ask You for guidance, piety, chastity and self- sufficiency.”** Muhammad Ibn al-Hanafiyyah said, **“Excellence lies in three things: Chastity, patience against difficulties, and good governance of one’s affairs.”**

Another quality for believers is: keeping trusts, and fulfilling covenants, as both faith and honesty are closely related. The Almighty Allah said, **“Those who are faithful to their trusts and pledge,”** and said, **“You who believe, fulfill your obligations.”** In another *Ayah*, Allah said, **“Allah commands you [people] to return things entrusted to you to their rightful owners.”** The Prophet (PBUH) related between faith and honesty saying, **“He who is not trustworthy has no faith, and he who does not keep his covenant has no religion.”**

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Among the qualities of believers is that: they always make *Dhikr* (remembering the Name of Allah) and rely upon Allah in the best manner. Allah said, **“Those who have faith and whose hearts find peace in the remembrance of Allah - truly it is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts find peace.”** Allah also said, **“True believers are those whose hearts tremble with awe when Allah is mentioned, whose faith increases when Allah’s revelations are recited to them, and who put their trust in their Lord.”** The true *tawakkul* (reliance upon Allah) means to faithfully rely upon Allah and at the same time make use of the available means through hard working and diligence. The Prophet (PBUH) said, **“If you all depend on Allah with due reliance, He would certainly give you provision as He gives it to birds who go forth hungry in the morning and return with full belly at dusk.”**

The effect of genuine faith extends to affect the society. A true believer does not cheat, lie or break pledges. He is not a hypocrite or a traitor. True faith purifies one’s soul. A true believer is modest, generous; he loves others and others love him. The Almighty Allah said, **“To be one of those who believe and urge one another to steadfastness and compassion.”** Allah Also said, **“By the declining day, man is [deep] in loss; except for those who believe, do good deeds, urge one another to the truth, and urge one another to steadfastness.”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, **“He who believes in Allah and the Last Day let him not harm his neighbors; and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day let him show hospitality to his**

guests; and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day let him speak good or remain silent.”

How much it is beautiful to abide by the teachings of our religion in order to bring about security, stability, tranquility and happiness in this world and the Hereafter, as the Almighty Allah said describing the reward of believers, **“These are the ones who will be awarded, Paradise as their own. They will be there forever.”** Allah also said, **“Except those who believe and do good – they will have a never-ending reward.”** In another *Ayah* Allah said, **“But those who believe and do good deeds will be given the Gardens of Paradise. There they will remain, never wishing to leave.”**

We ask Allah to endear faith to us, and make it appealing to our hearts!