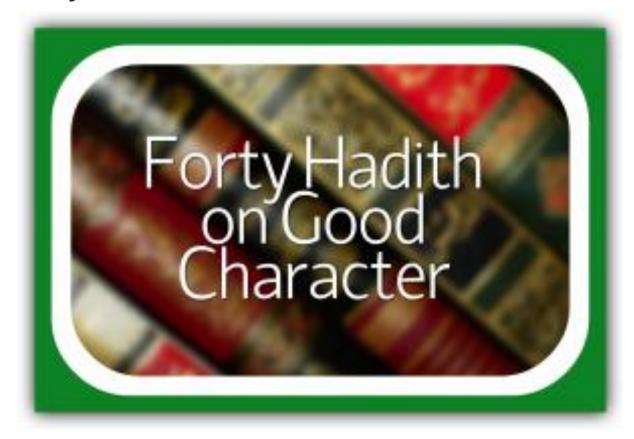
Forty Hadith on Good Character



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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

Hadith 1

Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Whoever would love to be delivered from Hellfire and admitted into Paradise, let him meet his end with faith in Allah and the Last Day, and let him treat people as he would love to be treated.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 1844, Grade: Sahih

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Hadith 2

Aisha reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Verily, the most complete of believers in faith are those with the best character and who are most kind to their families.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2612, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 3

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Be devout and you will be the most pious of people. Be content and you will be the most grateful of people. Love for people what you love for yourself and you will be a believer. Behave well with your neighbors and you will be a Muslim. Laugh less, for too much laughter will deaden the heart.

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 4217, Source: Sahih

Hadith 4

Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

The merciful will be shown mercy by the Most Merciful. Be merciful to those on the earth and the One in the heavens will have mercy upon you.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 1924, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 5

Abu Huraira reported: It was said, "O Messenger of Allah, pray against the idolaters!" The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Verily, I was not sent to invoke curses, but rather I was only sent as mercy.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2599, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 6

Ibn Mas'ud reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

The believer does not insult others, does not curse others, is not vulgar, and is not shameless.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 1977, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 7

Abdullah ibn Amr reported: A man asked the Prophet, "Which Islam is best?" The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

To feed the hungry and to greet with peace those you know and those you do not know.

'Ammar ibn Yasir, may Allah be pleased with him, said:

Whoever has three qualities will have completed the faith: fairness from yourself to others, offering peace to the world, and spending in charity even while poor.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 28, Grade: Muttafagun Alayhi

Hadith 8

Al-Zubayr ibn 'Awwam reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Lurking towards you are the diseases of the nations before you. Envy and hatred are the razor. I do not say it shaves hair, but rather it shaves the religion. By the one in whose hand is my soul, you will not enter Paradise until you have faith and you will not have faith until you love each other. Shall I tell you what can affirm that for you? Spread peace between yourselves.

Source: Musnad Ahmad 1415, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 9

Sahl ibn Sa'd reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

O Allah, forgive my people for they do not know.

Abu Hatim, may Allah be pleased with him, said:

This supplication was said during the battle of Uhud when they slashed his face.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Ibn Ḥibbān 985, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 10

Abu Nadrah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

O people, your Lord is one and your father Adam is one. There is no favor of an Arab over a foreigner, nor a foreigner over an Arab, and neither white skin over black skin, nor black skin over white skin, except by righteousness. Have I not delivered the message?

Source: Musnad Ahmad 22978, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 11

'Iyad ibn Himar reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Verily, Allah has revealed to me that you must be humble towards one another, so that no one oppresses another or boasts to another.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2865, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 12

Ibn Mas'ud reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

No one who has the weight of a seed of arrogance in his heart will enter Paradise.

Someone said, "But a man loves to have beautiful clothes and shoes." The Prophet said:

بْرُ بَطَرُ الْحَقِّ وَغَمْطُ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ جَمِيلٌ يُحِبُّ الْجَمَالَ الْكِ

Verily, Allah is beautiful and He loves beauty. Arrogance means rejecting the truth and looking down on people.

Source: Şaḥīḥ Muslim 91, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 13

Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Verily, those who were just will be in the presence of Allah upon pulpits of light, near the right hand of the Merciful, the Exalted, and both of his sides are honorable. They are those who practiced justice in their judgments and with their families and in all that they did.

Source: Sahīh Muslim 4493, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 14

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Verily, Allah does not look at your appearance or wealth, but rather he looks at your hearts and actions.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2564, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 15

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

نُهُ وَلَا يَدْخُلُ رَجُلٌ الْجَنَّةَ لَا يَسْتَقِيمُ إِيمَانُ عَبْدٍ حَتَّى يَسْتَقِيمَ قَلْبُهُ وَلَا يَسْتَقِيمُ قَلْبُهُ حَتَّى يَسْتَقِيمَ لِسَا لَا يَأْمَنُ جَارُهُ بَوَائِقَهُ

The faith of a servant is not upright until his heart is upright, and his heart is not upright until his tongue is upright. A man will not enter Paradise if his neighbor is not secure from his evil.

Source: Musnad Ahmad 12636, Grade: *Hasan*

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Hadith 16

Aisha reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Verily, Allah is kind and he loves kindness. He rewards for kindness what is not granted for harshness and he does not reward anything else like it.

Source: Şaḥīḥ Muslim 2593, Grade: Sahih

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Hadith 18

Abu Darda reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Shall I not tell you of what is better in degree than extra fasting, prayer, and charity?

They said, "Of course!" The Prophet said:

Reconciliation between people. Verily, corrupted relations between people is the razor.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2509, Grade: Sahih

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Hadith 18

'Adi ibn Hatim reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَةٍ طَيِّبَةٍ إتَّقُوا النَّارَ وَلَوْ بِشِقِّ تَمْرَةٍ فَمَنْ لَمْ يَجِدْ فَبِكَلِ

Guard yourself from the Hellfire even with half of a date in charity. If he cannot find it, then with a kind word.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6195, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

Hadith 19

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Charity does not decrease wealth, no one forgives another except that Allah increases his honor, and no one humbles himself for the sake of Allah except that Allah raises his status.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2588, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 20

Jabir ibn Abdullah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Every good deed is charity. Verily, it is a good deed to meet your brother with a cheerful face.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 1970, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 21

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

لَ فِيهَا فَشَرِبَ ثُمَّ خَرَجَ فَإِذَا كَلْبٌ بَيْنَمَا رَجُلٌ يَمْشِي بِطَرِيقٍ اشْتَدَّ عَلَيْهِ الْعَطَشُ فَوَجَدَ بِئْرًا فَنَزَ بَلَغَ يَلْهَتُ يَلْهَتُ يَأْكُلُ الثَّرَى مِنْ الْعَطَشِ فَقَالَ الرَّجُلُ لَقَدْ بَلَغَ هَذَا الْكَلْبَ مِنْ الْعَطَش مِثْلُ الَّذِي كَانَ تَّى رَقِيَ فَسَقَى الْكَلْبَ فَشَكَرَ اللَّهُ لَهُ فَغَفَرَ لَهُمِنِّي فَنَزَلَ الْبِئْرَ فَمَلَأَ خُفَّهُ مَاءً ثُمَّ أَمْسَكَهُ بِفِيهِ حَ

A man suffered from thirst while he was walking on a journey. When he found a well, he climbed down into it and drank from it. Then he came out and saw a dog lolling its tongue from thirst and licking the ground. The man said: This dog has suffered thirst just as I have suffered from it. He climbed down into the well, filled his shoe with water, and caught it in his mouth as he climbed up. Then he gave the dog a drink. Allah appreciated this deed, so he forgave him.

It was said, "O Messenger of Allah, is there a reward for charity even for the animals?" The Prophet said:

In every being with a moist liver there is a reward for charity.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 5663, Grade: Muttafagun Alayhi

Hadith 22

Ibn Umar reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

The upper hand is better than the lower hand. The upper hand is one that gives and the lower hand is one that takes.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 1362, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

Hadith 23

Abu Sa'id al-Khudri reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

There is no gift that is better and more comprehensive than patience.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 1400, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 24

'Imran ibn Husayn reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Modesty does not bring anything but goodness.

In another narration, the Prophet said:

Modesty is all that is good.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 5766, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

Hadith 25

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

He has not thanked Allah who has not thanked people.

Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd 4811, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 26

Fadalah ibn 'Ubayd reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Have I not informed you? The believer is the one who is trusted with the lives and wealth of people. The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand people are safe. The one striving in jihad in the way of Allah is the one who wages jihad against himself in obedience to Allah. The emigrant is one who emigrates away from sins and evil deeds.

Source: Musnad Ahmad 23438, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 27

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the people are safe, and the believer is the one people trust with their lives and wealth.

Source: Sunan al-Nasā'ī 4995, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 28

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

The strong are not the best wrestlers. Verily, the strong are only those who control themselves when they are angry.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 5763, Grade: <u>Muttafagun Alayhi</u> In another narration, the Prophet said:

The strong are not those who defeat people. Rather, the strong are those who defeat their ego.

Source: Mushkil al-Āthār 1426, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 29

Ibn Umar reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

رَعِيَّتِهِ أَلَا كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ فَالْإِمَامُ الَّذِي عَلَى النَّاسِ رَاعِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ وَعِيَّتِهِ وَالْمَرْ أَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالْمَرْ أَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِ زَ

مْ رَاع وَوَلَدِهِ وَهِيَ مَسْئُولَةٌ عَنْهُمْ وَعَبْدُ الرَّجُلِ رَاع عَلَى مَالِ سَيِّدِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْهُ أَلَا فَكُلُّكُ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ

Every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. The leader of people is a guardian and is responsible for his subjects. A man is the guardian of his family and he is responsible for them. A woman is the guardian of her husband's home and his children and she is responsible for them. The servant of a man is a guardian of the property of his master and he is responsible for it. No doubt, every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6719, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

Hadith 30

Ibn Umar reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

وْ تَكْشِفُ أَحَبُّ النَّاسِ إِلَى اللَّهِ أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ وَأَحَبُّ الأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ سُرُورٌ تُدْخِلُهُ عَلَى مُسْلِمٍ أَ بُّ إِلَيَّ عَنْهُ كُرْبَةً أَوْ تَقْضِي عَنْهُ دِينًا أَوْ تَطْرُدُ عَنْهُ جُوعًا وَلَأَنْ أَمْشِيَ مَعَ أَخِيهِ فِي حَاجَةٍ أَحَهُ مِنْ أَنْ أَعْتَكِفَ فِي هَذَا الْمَسْجِدِ يَعْنِي مَسْجِدَ الْمَدِينَةِ شَهْرًا وَمَنْ كَفَ غَضَبَهُ سَتَرَ اللَّهُ عَوْرَتَ هُ مِنْ أَنْ أَعْتَكِفَ فِي هَذَا الْمَسْجِدِ يَعْنِي مَسْجِدَ الْمَدِينَةِ شَهْرًا وَمَنْ كَفَ غَضَبَهُ سَتَرَ اللَّهُ عَوْرَتَ لَقْيَامَةِ وَمَنْ مَشَى وَمَنْ كَظَمَ غَيْظُهُ وَلَوْ شَاءَ أَنْ يُمْضِيبَهُ أَمْضَاهُ مَلاً اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ قَلْبَهُ أَمْنًا يَوْمَ الأَقْذَامُمَعَ أَخِيهِ فِي حَاجَةٍ حَتَّى أَثْبَتَهَا لَهُ أَثْبَتَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ قَدَمَهُ عَلَى الْصِّرَاطِ يَوْمَ تَزِلُّ فِيهِ الْأَقْدَامُمَعَ أَخِيهِ فِي حَاجَةٍ حَتَّى أَثْبَتَهَا لَهُ أَثْبَتَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ قَدَمَهُ عَلَى الْصِّرَاطِ يَوْمَ تَزِلُّ فِيهِ

The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to the people. The most beloved deed to Allah is to make a Muslim happy, or to remove one of his troubles, or to forgive his debt, or to feed his hunger. That I walk with a brother regarding a need is more beloved to me than that I seclude myself in this mosque in Medina for a month. Whoever swallows his anger, then Allah will conceal his faults. Whoever suppresses his rage, even though he could fulfill his anger if he wished, then Allah will secure his heart on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever walks with his brother regarding a need until he secures it for him, then Allah the Exalted will make his footing firm across the bridge on the day when the footings are shaken.

Source: al-Mu'jam al-Awsat 6192, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 31

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

A servant does not cover the faults of another servant in the world but that Allah will cover his faults on the Day of Resurrection.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2590, Grade: Sahih

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Hadith 32

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

By Allah, I seek forgiveness from Allah and I repent to him more than seventy times in a day.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 5948, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 33

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim.

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 224, Grade: Sahih

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Hadith 34

Al-Nu'man ibn Bashir reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

لَهُ مَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي تَوَادِّهِمْ وَتَرَاحُمِهِمْ وَتَعَاطُفِهِمْ مَثَلُ الْجَسَدِ إِذَا اشْتَكَى مِنْهُ عُضْوٌ تَدَاعَى سَائِرُ الْجَسَدِ بِالسَّهَرِ وَالْحُمَّى

The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 5665, Grade: Muttafagun Alayhi

Hadith 35

Abu Burda reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Make things easy and do not make things difficult. Give glad tidings and do not repel people. Cooperate with each other and do not become divided.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 2873, Grade: Muttafagun Alayhi

Hadith 36

Ibn Mas'ud reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

You must be truthful. Verily, truthfulness leads to righteousness and righteousness leads to Paradise. A man continues to be truthful and encourages honesty until he is recorded with Allah as truthful. And beware of falsehood. Verily, falsehood leads to wickedness and wickedness leads to the Hellfire. A man continues tell lies and encourages falsehood until he is recorded with Allah as a liar.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2607, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

Hadith 37

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْمُفْلِسُ

Do you know who is bankrupt?

They said, "The one without money or goods is bankrupt." The Prophet said:

تِي يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِصَلَاةٍ وَصِيَامٍ وَزَكَاةٍ وَيَأْتِي قَدْ شَتَمَ هَذَا وَقَذَفَ هَذَا إِنَّ الْمُفْلِسَ مِنْ أُمَّ يَتْ وَأَكَلَ مَالَ هَذَا وَسَفَكَ دَمَ هَذَا وَضَرَبَ هَذَا فَيُعْطَي هَذَا مِنْ حَسنَاتِهِ وَهَذَا مِنْ حَسنَاتِهِ فَإِنْ فَذِ نَ يُقْضَى مَا عَلَيْهِ أُخِذَ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ فَطُرِحَتْ عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ طُرِحَ فِي النَّارِحَسنَاتُهُ قَبْلَ أَ

Verily, the bankrupt of my nation are those who come on the Day of Resurrection with prayers, fasting, and charity, but also with insults, slander, consuming wealth, shedding blood, and beating others. The oppressed will each be given from his good deeds. If his good deeds run out before justice is fulfilled, then their sins will be cast upon him and he will be thrown into the Hellfire.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2581, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 38

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

قَلْبُهُ وَرَجُلُسَبْعَةُ يُظِلُّهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي ظِلِّهِ يَوْمَ لَا ظِلَّ إِلَّا ظِلَّهُ الْإِمَامُ الْعَادِلُ وَشَابٌ نَشَأَ بِعِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ أَةٌ ذَاتُ مُعَلَّقٌ فِي الْمَسَاجِدِ وَرَجُلَانِ تَحَابًا فِي اللهِ اجْتَمَعَا عَلَيْهِ وَتَفَرَّقَا عَلَيْهِ وَرَجُلٌ دَعَتْهُ امْرَ مَ يَمِينُهُ مَا تُنْفِقُ مَنْصِبٍ وَجَمَالٍ فَقَالَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللهَ وَرَجُلٌ تَصَدَّقَ بِصَدَقَةٍ فَأَخْفَاهَا حَتَّى لَا تَعْلَ شِمَالُهُ وَرَجُلٌ ذَكَرَ اللَّهَ خَالِيًا فَفَاضَتْ عَيْنَاهُ شَمَالُهُ وَرَجُلٌ نَصَدَقَةٍ فَأَخْفَاهَا حَتَّى لَا تَعْلَ شَمَالُهُ وَرَجُلٌ ذَكَرَ اللَّهَ خَالِيًا فَفَاضَتَ عَيْنَاهُ

There are seven whom Allah will shade on a day when there is no shade but his. They are a just ruler, a youth who grew up in the worship of Allah, one whose heart is attached to the mosques, two who love each other, meet ,and depart from each other for the sake of Allah, a man who is tempted by a beautiful woman of high status but he rejects her, saying ,'I fear Allah,' one spends in charity and conceals it such that his right hand does not know

what his left hand has given, and one who remembered Allah in private and he wept.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 629, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

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Hadith 39

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Calmness is from Allah, and recklessness is from Satan.

Source: al-Sunan al-Kubrá 18651, Grade: Hasan

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Hadith 40

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

Wealth is not in having many possessions. Rather, true wealth is the richness of the soul.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6081, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

Success comes from Allah, and Allah knows best