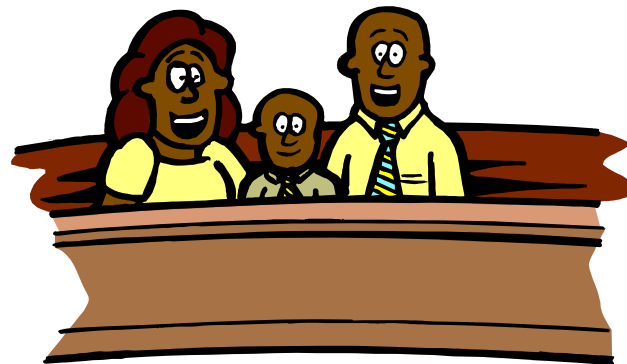


RESPECT FOR PARENTS AND ELDERERS





HOLY QURAN SAYS:

- Thy Lord has commanded, “Worship none but Him, and *show* kindness to **parents**. If one of them or both of them attain old age with thee, never say unto them any word expressive of disgust nor reproach them, but address them with excellent speech. [17:24]
- And We have enjoined on man concerning his **parents** — his mother bears him in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning takes two years — ‘Give thanks to Me and to thy **parents**. Unto Me is the *final* return. [31:15]



HOLY QURAN SAYS:

- They ask thee what they shall spend. Say: 'Whatever of good and abundant wealth you spend should be for **parents** and near relatives and orphans and the needy and the wayfarer. And whatever good you do, surely Allah knows it well.[2 :216]
- Our Lord, grant forgiveness to me and to my parents and to the believers on the day when the reckoning will take place.' [14:42]
- And We have enjoined on man kindness to his **parents**; but if they strive to make thee associate that with Me of which thou hast no knowledge, then obey them not. Unto Me is your return, and I shall inform you of what you did. [29:9]



Responsibilities of a Khadim Towards his Parents

- According to the above verses of the Holy Quran we should
 - Be ever thankful to our parents for their nurturing care
 - Be mindful of their old age and not be disrespectful to them
 - Pray for them
 - Spend out of our own money on them
 - Obey them except when what they ask for is clearly against the commandments of Allah



SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

- Hadhrat Abu Hurairah narrates: The Holy Prophet (saw) cursed the person three times whose old parents (both or one) were alive and he still did not earn Heaven (by serving them).
- Once a person came to Holy Prophet (saw) and sought his advice about taking part in Jihad with him. The Holy Prophet (saw) asked him whether his mother was alive? He answered `yes'. The Holy Prophet (saw) then told him `Go back home and serve her as Heaven was under her feet'.
- Hadhrat Bakr narrates that once the Holy Prophet (saw) asked that should he not warn them against three major sins? All of them said. `Certainly, O Prophet!' He then said. `To ascribe partners with Allah, to disobey parents'; getting up as he was reclining, he said `to tell a lie or to give false evidence'. He went on repeating his words for such a long time that we wished him to be silent.



SAYINGS OF THE HOLY PROPHET (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

- Once a man complained to the Holy Prophet (saw) about his father who took his belongings whenever he liked. The Messenger of Allah called for his father, who was a very old man, and asked him the details of the matter. The father said, 'O, Messenger of Allah, a time was when my son was weak and helpless and bare handed while I had strength and wealth. I never hesitated to give him my belongings whenever he needed them. Today I am weak and bare handed while he is rich and now he keeps his belongings from me.' Hearing this, tears came to the eyes of the Holy Prophet (saw) and he said to the son: 'You and your belongings belong to your father. You and your belongings belong to your father.'
- Once Hadhrat Abu Hurairah came across two persons. He asked one of them about the other. The person replied that the other one was his father. Then Hadhrat Abu Hurairah strictly advised the son never call his father by name and neither to walk ahead of him nor to take seat before the he takes the seat first in a gathering.



Other Duties of Children after the Death of Parents

- A man asked the Holy Prophet (saw): `Do I owe a duty to my parents after their death?' The Holy Prophet (saw) said: `indeed yes, in four respects:
 - that you should pray for Allah's forgiveness for them and call down His blessings upon them,
 - that you should carry out whatever they undertook to do,
 - that you should honor their friends,
 - that you should strengthen the ties of kinship with those who are related to you through them. This is what you owe them after their death.'
- **Charity of Behalf of Dead Parents**

Narrated Aisha: A man said to the Prophet. `My mother died suddenly and I thought if she had lived she would have given alms. So, if I give alms now on her behalf will she get the reward?' The Prophet (saw) replied, `yes'.



Responsibilities of a Khadim Towards his Parents

- According to the above Ahadith, we should
 - Earn paradise by serving our parents in old age
 - Not to disobey parents as that is a sin
 - Unless what they ask is openly against the commandments of Allah
 - Realize that it is our responsibilities to serve our parents in old age out of our own money and possessions
 - Pray for them and give charity on their behalf
 - Take care of Parents' debt after their death
 - Show respect to friends and family of our parents



Incident about the Promised Messiah

- 'The Promised Messiah instilled in his children great respect for their mother, recalling the saying of Holy Prophet (saw) that `paradise lay under the feet of mothers'. Once when his wife and her (wife's) mother had a disagreement and were both in tears, he took his wife and led her in front of her mother where she bowed her head, her mother immediately raised her daughter's head and embraced her. All annoyance was gone.



RESPECT FOR ELDERERS

- “One who has no compassion for our young ones and does not recognize the rights of our elders was not of us.” (Abū Dāwūd)



Scenario 1

Ahmad's father has come to wake him up for Fajr prayers. What should he do?

1. Ahmad should ignore his father's request and pretend that he is sleeping
2. Ahmad should just lie to his father that he has said his Salat already
3. Ahmad should report his father to Murabee sahib for enforcing Shariah as there is no compulsion in religion
4. Ahmad should be grateful that his father is waking him for Fajr prayer, and should get up and say his prayers
 1. Note: in case Ahmad misses waking up for Fajr prayer at the right time and wakes up much later, he should still say his Fajr Salat. This is not the right thing to do on a regular basis, but occasionally if this happens by mistake, saying Salat is still more important than missing it.



Scenario 2

Ahmad's father keeps telling him not to wear that graphic T-shirt and to get a haircut. What should he do?


1. Ignore him. His dad is from Pakistan, and has no fashion sense. That T-shirt is so cool and goes nicely with his hairstyle!
2. Ahmad should realize that there may be other shirts/styles that both Ahmad and his father like. He should listen to his father and not make a big deal out of it



Scenario 3

Qasim's friends make silly jokes about his mother's English accent. He doesn't like the jokes but laughs with them anyway. What should he do?

1. Teach his mother better English so that his friends won't make fun of her
2. Hang in there. Why spoil such good jokes, eh? He will start liking them soon.
3. Tell his friends he is not okay with them being disrespectful to his mother. If they don't stop, he should make other friends



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