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The Holy Prophet ﷺ as a Family Man

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Holy Prophet ﷺ – The Perfect Husband

Being a Successful
Husband

The keys to a successful husband based on
the Uswa of the Holy Prophet ﷺ

- Being involved in the home
- Showing affection towards one's wife
- Act as a caretaker to one's wife
- Caring for the parents

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Being a caretaker

Importance of contributing to the household:

- Hadrat Aisha رضى الله عنها relates: "
 - The Holy Prophet ﷺ attended the needs of his family until Adhan was called. Then, he would go to the Mosque."
 - "He was a human being like all others. He would repair his clothes, milk the goats, and do his personal chores."

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Being a caretaker

AS A SON

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ cared for his foster relatives as well.

Abu Tufail رضي الله عنه relates that he saw the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ on the return journey from Hunain at the place called Ji'irranah. He was distributing meat. "I was a young boy at that time. I saw a lady arrived. The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ spread his shawl for her to sit. I enquired about her and people told me that the lady was the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ's foster mother."

AS A FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE

ONCE HUDUR ﷺ WAS KISSING HIS CHILDREN WITH LOVE, A BEDOUIN CHIEF REMARKED ON THIS AND SAID, "I HAVE TEN CHILDREN BUT I NEVER KISS THEM." THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ SAID, "IF GOD HAS BEREFT YOUR HEART OF LOVE, THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT."

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 650-651]

AS A FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE

HADRAT 'A' ISHAH رضى الله عنها RELATES; "I HAVE NOT SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ IN STYLE, WAYS AND MANNERS AND CONVERSATION, MORE THAN HADRAT FATIMAH رضى الله عنها. WHENEVER SHE CAME, HUDUR ﷺ WOULD STAND UP FOR HER, HOLD HER HAND WITH LOVE, KISS IT AND MAKE HER SIT DOWN NEXT TO HIM. WHEN THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ VISITED HADRAT FATIMAH, SHE WOULD STAND UP, HOLD HIS HAND, KISS IT AND SEAT HIM NEAR HERSELF."

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 659]

AS A FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE

HADRAT ABU LAILA رضي الله عنه RELATES, "I WAS PRESENT IN HUDUR ﷺ'S COMPANY. EITHER YOUNG HASAN OR HUSAIN WAS IN HIS LAP, WHEN SUDDENLY THIS CHILD URINATED. I SAW THE DROPS OF URINE ON HUDUR ﷺ'S BELLY. WE RUSHED TO PICK UP THE CHILD. THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ SAID, "LEAVE MY SON WITH ME AND DO NOT SCARE HIM." THEN WATER WAS BROUGHT AND HE POURED IT OVER HIMSELF".

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 661-662]

AS A HUSBAND

HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها USED TO SAY, "THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ NEVER EVER UTTERED A HARSH WORD." HER TESTIMONY REGARDING HUDUR ﷺ'S FAMILY LIFE WAS THAT HE WAS THE KINDEST, MOST GENEROUS AND MOST INFORMAL OF ALL MEN IN HIS HOME LIFE. HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING AND NEVER FROWNED. HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها ALSO SAID THAT THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ NEVER RAISED HIS HAND ON ANY OF HIS WIVES AND NEVER BEAT A SERVANT.

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 673]

AS A HUSBAND

HADRAT 'A' ISHAH رضى الله عنها RELATES, "EVEN DURING THESE PARTICULAR DAYS (MENSTRUATION), HUDUR ﷺ WHILE EATING A MEAL WITH ME, WOULD TAKE A PIECE OF MEAT OR A BONE FROM MY HAND AND LOVINGLY WOULD EAT IT FROM THE SAME PLACE WHERE I HAD EATEN IT. SOMETIME I WOULD DRINK FROM A CUP AND THEN HAND IT OVER TO HIM. HUDUR ﷺ WOULD PLACE HIS LIPS ON THE SAME SPOT FROM WHERE I HAD DRUNK." THIS WAS HUDUR ﷺ 'S UNUSUAL AND SMALL EXPRESSION OF HIS LOVE.

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 683]

AS A HUSBAND

THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ USED TO CONVERSE WITH HIS WIVES ABOUT THEIR INTERESTS AND ACCORDING TO THEIR INTELLECTUAL CALIBRE. HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها TELLS US; "ONCE WE WERE SITTING IN THE ROOM, A DRAUGHT OF WIND MOVED THE CURTAIN IN FRONT OF THE CUPBOARD. MY DOLLS WERE IN THAT CUPBOARD. HUDUR ﷺ ENQUIRED, 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها WHAT ARE THESE? I REPLIED, "THESE ARE MY DOLLS." THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ WAS SURVEYING THEM CAREFULLY WHEN HE SAW A HORSE WITH TWO LEATHER WINGS IN THE MIDST OF THE DOLLS. HE ENQUIRED ABOUT THIS HORSE AND POINTING TO THE WINGS SAID, "WHAT IS THIS ON THE BACK OF THE HORSE?" I REPLIED THAT THE HORSE HAD TWO WINGS. HE WAS SURPRISED AT THIS REPLY. I TOLD HIM, "HAVE YOU NOT HEARD THAT THE HORSES OF SOLOMON USED TO HAVE WINGS?" AT THIS THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ LAUGHED SO MUCH THAT HIS TEETH BECAME VISIBLE."

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 684-685]

AS A HUSBAND

THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ USED TO LOOK AFTER THE COMFORT OF THE WIFE WHO WAS ACCOMPANYING HIM IN A JOURNEY. IN THE TRADITIONS THERE IS MENTION OF HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها LOSING HER NECKLACE MORE THAN ONCE. ON ONE SUCH OCCASION, THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ SENT SOME MEN TO LOOK FOR THE NECKLACE. THE MUSLIM ARMY WAS CAMP AT A PLACE WHERE NO WATER WAS AVAILABLE FOR DRINKING OR ABLUTION. HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها'S FATHER HADRAT ABU BAKR رضى الله عنه WAS ANNOYED WITH HER AND HARSHLY SAID TO HER, "O 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها, YOU CREATE TROUBLE AND HARDSHIP IN EVERY JOURNEY." YET THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ DID NOT EVEN SCOLD HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها EVEN THOUGH THE PROGRAMME OF THE WHOLE ARMY HAD TO BE ALTERED AND IT CAUSED HARDSHIP. IN THE ROUTINE HOME LIFE SUCH CARING ATTITUDE WAS VISIBLE QUITE OFTEN.

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 685]

AS A HUSBAND

ON ANOTHER 'EID DAY, THE PEOPLE OF ABYSINIA WERE DISPLAYING ACTS OF WAR IN THE VAST COURTYARD OF THE PROPHET'S MOSQUE. THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ ASKED 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها IF SHE WANTED TO SEE THIS DISPLAY. THEN HE MADE HER STAND BEHIND HIM. HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها RELATES, "I STOOD BEHIND HIM FOR A LONG TIME, WITH MY CHIN ON HIS SHOULDER, MY CHEEK TOUCHING HIS CHEEK AND ENJOYED THE DISPLAY. HE STOOD THERE SUPPORTING ME UNTIL I MYSELF GOT TIRED. HUDUR ﷺ TOLD ME THAT IT WAS ENOUGH ENTERTAINMENT AND I COULD GO HOME." RELATING THIS INCIDENT HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها SAID, "THE YOUNG GIRLS ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT. NOTE HOW THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ WAS CONSIDERATE OF SUCH SENTIMENTS AND FREELY ALLOWED EVERY LAWFUL GRATIFICATION."

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 686]

AS A HUSBAND

THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ USED TO TELL STORIES TO AMUSE HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها. ONCE HE TOLD HER THE STORY OF THIRTEEN WOMEN, WHO SHARED ALL THE BAD POINTS OF THEIR HUSBANDS WITH EACH OTHER. ONE WOMAN, UMME ZUR'AH WHOM HER HUSBAND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY DIVORCED AND HAD MARRIED ANOTHER WOMAN, PRAISED HER HUSBAND IMMENSELY. SHE TOLD OTHERS HOW HER HUSBAND LOOKED AFTER HER COMFORT, GAVE HER PLENTY OF FOOD TO EAT AND ALSO SENT FOOD TO HER PARENTS. THEN THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ SAID, " 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها 'S AND MY EXAMPLE IS LIKE ABU ZUR'AH. YOU ARE MY UMME ZUR'AH AND I AM YOUR ABU ZUR'AH. IN ANOTHER TRADITION IT IS NARRATED THAT ONCE 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها REFERRING TO HER FATHER'S WEALTH, PROUDLY SAID THAT HE HAD TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DIRHAMS. THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ SAID, "O 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها, LEAVE THIS ASIDE, I AM LIKE ABU ZUR'AH OF THE STORY TO YOU, WHO TREATED UMME ZUR'AH KINDLY." HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها REPLIED, "O NO, MESSENGER OF ALLAH, YOU ARE MUCH BETTER TO ME THAN ABU ZUR'AH."

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 688]

AS A HUSBAND

ONE INCIDENT REVEALS THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ'S CONSIDERATION FOR THE FEELINGS OF HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها. ONE IRANIAN WAS HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S NEIGHBOUR. HE USED TO COOK EXCELLENT FOOD. ONE DAY THIS NEIGHBOUR PREPARED FOOD FOR HUDUR ﷺ AND INVITED HIM. HUDUR ﷺ WAS STAYING AT HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها'S HOUSE THAT NIGHT AND WAS NEAR HER AT THAT TIME. HUDUR ﷺ POINTED TO HER AND ASKED IF SHE COULD ACCOMPANY HIM. PERHAPS IN VIEW OF MAKING MORE ARRANGEMENTS, THE IRANIAN PERSON DID NOT ALLOW THIS. HUDUR ﷺ DECLINED HIS INVITATION. THE NEIGHBOUR CAME AGAIN AND REQUESTED HIM TO COME FOR THE MEAL. AGAIN HUDUR ﷺ ASKED HIM IF HIS WIFE COULD ACCOMPANY HIM. ON HIS REFUSAL TO INVITE HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها, THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ DECLINED THE INVITATION YET AGAIN. HE WENT AWAY AND THEN RETURNED THE THIRD TIME WITH THE INVITATION AND ON BEING ASKED ABOUT HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها'S ACCOMPANIMENT, HE AGREED TO HER COMING AS WELL. THEN THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ AND HADRAT 'A'ISHAH رضى الله عنها BOTH WENT TO THIS IRANIAN'S HOUSE AND ATE THE MEAL.

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 689]

AS A HUSBAND

AT THE TIME OF THE RETURN FROM KHYBER, THE COMPANIONS SAW THE AMAZING SCENE THAT THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ WAS HIMSELF PREPARING THE SEAT FOR HADRAT SAFIYYAH رضي الله عنها. HE FOLDED THE ROBE HE WAS WEARING AND PLACED IT ON THE CAMELS BACK FOR HER TO SIT ON IT. TO FACILITATE HER MOUNTING THE CAMEL, HE FOLDED HIS KNEE SO THAT SHE COULD STEP ON IT AND MOUNT THE CAMEL.

[MUHAMMAD ﷺ THE PERFECT MAN, P. 691]

Actions of the month:

- 1) Be kind and do something nice for your wife and/or mother.
- 2) Help with household chores at least once a week.
- 3) If you have kids, spend time and play with them once a week.

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