

48 Muslim qualities from the Quran: Checklist of important manners and moral characteristics from the Quran

- 1. Do not be rude in speech-** "So by mercy from Allah, [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. And if you had been rude [in speech] and harsh in heart, they would have disbanded from about you. So pardon them and ask forgiveness for them and consult them in the matter. And when you have decided, then rely upon Allah . Indeed, Allah loves those who rely [upon Him]." *Ali-Imran (Family of Imran) 3:159*
- 2. Restrain Anger-** "Who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people – and Allah loves the doers of good." *Ali-Imran (Family of Imran) 3:134*
- 3. Be good to others-** "Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful." *An-Nisa (Women) 4:36*
- 4. Do not be arrogant-** "[Allah] said, "Descend from Paradise, for it is not for you to be arrogant therein. So get out; indeed, you are of the debased." *Al-A'raf (The Elevations) 7:13*
- 5. Forgive others for their mistakes-** "Show forgiveness, enjoin what is good, and turn away from the ignorant." *Al-A'raf (The Elevations) 7:199*
- 6. Speak to people mildly-** "And speak to him with gentle speech that perhaps he may be reminded or fear [Allah]." *Taha 20:44*
- 7. Do not ridicule one another-** "O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name of disobedience after [one's] faith. And whoever does not repent – then it is those who are the wrongdoers." *Al-Hujurat (The Chambers) 49:11*
- 8. Do not say a word of disrespect to your parents-** "Say not to them [so much as],

"uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word" *Al-Isra (The Night Journey) 17:23*

10. Grant more time to repay if the debtor is in hard times- "And if someone is in hardship, then [let there be] postponement until [a time of] ease. But if you give [from your right as] charity, then it is better for you, if you only knew." *Al-Baqarah (The Heifer) 2:280*

11. Do not engage in bribery- "And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly or send it [in bribery] to the rulers in order that [they might aid] you [to] consume a portion of the wealth of the people in sin, while you know [it is unlawful]." *Al-Baqarah (The Heifer) 2:188*

12. Do not break promises- "Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah , the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous." *Al-Baqarah (The Heifer) 2:177*

13. Stand out firmly for justice- "O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah , even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted" *An-Nisa (Women) 4:135*

14. Try for settlement between people- "And if two factions among the believers should fight, then make settlement between the two. But if one of them oppresses the other, then fight against the one that oppresses until it returns to the ordinance of Allah . And if it returns, then make settlement between them in justice and act justly. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly." *Al-Hujurat (The Chambers) 49:9*

15. Avoid assumption- "O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin." *Al-Hujurat (The Chambers) 49:12*

16. Do not spy and backbite- And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when

dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah ; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful" *Al-Hujurat (The Chambers) 49:12*

17. Spend wealth in charity- "Believe in Allah and His Messenger and spend out of that in which He has made you successors. For those who have believed among you and spent, there will be a great reward." *Al-Hadid (Iron) 57:7*

18. Help those in need by finding them- "[Charity is] for the poor who have been restricted for the cause of Allah , unable to move about in the land. An ignorant [person] would think them self-sufficient because of their restraint, but you will know them by their [characteristic] sign. They do not ask people persistently [or at all]. And whatever you spend of good – indeed, Allah is Knowing of it." *Al-Baqarah (The Heifer) 2:273*

19. Speak to the needy kindly- "And if you [must] turn away from the needy awaiting mercy from your Lord which you expect, then speak to them a gentle word." *Al-Isra (The Night Journey) 17:28*

20. Honor your guests- "Then he turned quickly to his household, brought out a roasted fattened calf, and placed it before them. He said: 'Will you not eat?'" *Adh-Dhariyat (The Winds that Scatter) 51:26*

21. Be dutiful towards your parents- "And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you." *Al-Isra (The Night Journey) 17:23*

22. Practice what you preach- "Do you order righteousness of the people and forget yourselves while you recite the Scripture? Then will you not reason?" *Al-Baqarah (The Heifer) 2:44*

23. Fight only with those who fight you- "Fight in the way of Allah those who fight you but do not transgress. Indeed, Allah does not like transgressors." *Al-Baqarah (The Heifer) 2:190*

24. Do not burden a person beyond his scope- "Allah does not charge a soul except [with that within] its capacity. It will have [the consequence of] what [good] it has gained, and it will bear [the consequence of] what [evil] it has earned. "Our Lord, do not impose blame upon us if we have forgotten or erred. Our Lord, and lay not upon us a burden like that which You laid upon those before us. Our Lord, and burden us not with that which we have no ability to bear. And pardon us; and forgive us; and have mercy upon us. You are our protector,

so give us victory over the disbelieving people." *Al-Baqarah (The Heifer) 2:286*

25. Do not become divided-"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you – when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided." *Ali-Imran (Family of Imran) 3:103*

26. Do not be miserly-"Who are stingy and enjoin upon [other] people stinginess and conceal what Allah has given them of His bounty – and We have prepared for the disbelievers a humiliating punishment." – *An-Nisa (Women) 4:37*

27. Do not be envious-"Or do they envy people for what Allah has given them of His bounty? But we had already given the family of Abraham the Scripture and wisdom and conferred upon them a great kingdom." *An-Nisa (Women) 4:54*

28. Do not be an advocate for deceit-"Indeed, We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], the Book in truth so you may judge between the people by that which Allah has shown you. And do not be for the deceitful an advocate." *An-Nisa (Women) 4:105*

29. Stay away from sin and aggression-"... but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah ; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty." *Al-Maida (The Table Spread) 5:2*

30. Be just-"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah , witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah ; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do." *Al-Maida (The Table Spread) 5:8*

31. Do not gamble-"Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred through intoxicants and gambling and to avert you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer. So will you not desist? *Al-Maida (The Table Spread) 5:91*

32. Do not insult others' deities-"And do not insult those they invoke other than Allah, lest they insult Allah in enmity without knowledge. Thus We have made pleasing to every community their deeds. Then to their Lord is their return, and He will inform them about what they used to do." *Al-Anam (The Cattle) 6:108*

33. Eat and Drink, But Be Not Excessive-"O children of Adam, take your adornment at every masjid, and eat and drink, but be not excessive. Indeed, He likes not those who commit excess." *Al-A'raf (The Heights) 7:31*

34. Protect and help those who seek protection-"And if any one of the polytheists seeks your protection, then grant him protection so that he may hear the words of Allah . Then deliver him to his place of safety. That is because they are a people who do not know." *At-Tawbah (Repentance) 9:6*

35. Allah will forgive those who have done wrong out of ignorance-"Then, indeed your Lord, to those who have done wrong out of ignorance and then repent after that and correct themselves – indeed, your Lord, thereafter, is Forgiving and Merciful." *An-Nahl (The Bee) 16:119*

36. Invitation to God should be with wisdom and good instruction-"Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided." *An-Nahl (The Bee) 16:125*

37. Do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge-"And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart – about all those [one] will be questioned." *Al-Isra (The Night Journey) 17:36*

38. Keep aloof from what is vain-"And they who turn away from ill speech" *Al-Muminoon (The Believers) 23:3*

39. Do not enter others' houses without seeking permission-"O you who have believed, do not enter houses other than your own houses until you ascertain welcome and greet their inhabitants. That is best for you; perhaps you will be reminded." *An-Nur (The Light) 24:27*

40. Walk on earth with humility-"And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace" *Al-Furqan (The Criterion) 25:63*

41. Judge with justice between people-"Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing." *An-Nisa (The Women) 4:58*

42. Enjoin right, forbid wrong-"O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what

befalls you. Indeed, [all] that is of the matters [requiring] determination." *Luqman (The Wise) 31:17*

43. Do not walk in insolence through the earth-"And do not turn your cheek [in contempt] toward people and do not walk through the earth exultantly. Indeed, Allah does not like everyone self-deluded and boastful." *Luqman (The Wise) 31:18*

44. Women should not display their finery-"And abide in your houses and do not display yourselves as [was] the display of the former times of ignorance. And establish prayer and give zakah and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah intends only to remove from you the impurity [of sin], O people of the [Prophet's] household, and to purify you with [extensive] purification." *Al-Ahzab (The Confederates) 33:33*

45. Do not despair of the mercy of Allah-"Say, "O My servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah." *Az-Zumar (The Crowds) 39:53*

46. Decide on affairs by consultation-"And those who have responded to their lord and established prayer and whose affair is [determined by] consultation among themselves, and from what We have provided them, they spend." *Ash-Shu'ra (The Consultation) 42:38*

47. Act justly to people of all faiths-"Allah does not forbid you from those who do not fight you because of religion and do not expel you from your homes – from being righteous toward them and acting justly toward them. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly." *Al-Mumtahana (The Women to be Examined) 60:8*

48. Seek forgiveness of Allah. He is Forgiving and Merciful-"And whatever good you put forward for yourselves – you will find it with Allah . It is better and greater in reward. And seek forgiveness of Allah . Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful." – *Al-Muzzamil (The one folded in garments) 73:20*