



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICIENT THE MERCIFUL

The Etiquettes of Visiting and Hosting Visitors in Islam!

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Introduction

In the name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds. May Allah bestow His peace and blessings upon His Servant and Messenger Muhammad (S.A.W) and upon all his family, Companions, and all those who have been guided by him and now hold fast to his Sunnah up until the Day of Judgment. Aameen



❖ لَيْسَ الْبِرُّ أَنْ تُولُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ
وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ
وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَعَآتَى الْمَالَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ
وَأَبْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَعَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ
وَالْمُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ
وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ ﴿١٧٧﴾



- ▶ “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 truthful, and it is those who are the righteous.”

(Quran 2: 177)



- ▶ The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said,

“Allah Almighty said: Those who love each other for the sake of my glory will be upon pulpits of light and they will be admired by the prophets and the martyrs.”

Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2390

Etiquette of the visitor



- ▶ Knocking on the door gently
- ▶ Taking permission before entering
- ▶ Beginning with As-Salaam
- ▶ Asking for permission three times and then leaving if not granted
- ▶ Mentioning your name



- ▶ Not peeking inside
- ▶ Not standing directly in front of the door, rather to the side
- ▶ Do not visit too early, or too late and not leaving without the host's permission
- ▶ Sitting in the place where you were asked to sit



- ▶ Sitting wherever there is an empty spot, don't take someone else's seat
- ▶ Making space for anyone when comes
- ▶ Not sitting between two people without their permission
- ▶ Not sitting in a way that is improper



- ▶ Not conversing secretly when there is a third person present
- ▶ Lowering your gaze and respecting their privacy
- ▶ Not exposing what happened at the gathering if it was private or not proper
- ▶ Showing satisfaction with whatever is presented to you from food or drinks



- ▶ Avoiding too much joking or argumentation
- ▶ Understanding the rights of people at the gathering
- ▶ Speaking in a proper manner
- ▶ Being a good listener
- ▶ Avoiding gatherings made for doing what is forbidden



- ▶ Pray behind your host. The Prophet (SAW) said in Sahih Muslim “No guest should lead the host in salah while in the home of the host”. If host asks you to lead, that’s fine
- ▶ Not doing any improper, unrefined behaviors
- ▶ Remembering Allah and saying salaah on the Prophet (SAW) at the gathering
- ▶ Not visiting repeatedly in a short time



- ▶ Not making one's stay too long
- ▶ Bring your own toiletries and/or politely ask before you use any of your host's toiletries
- ▶ Give your host some space, especially if you're staying for more than a day by going for sight seeing, etc; so they don't feel like they're neglecting you while they're at work
- ▶ Fixing any messes your children may have made
- ▶ Not taking someone else with you without prior knowledge of the host



- ▶ If visiting someone sick, keeping it short and giving a lot of positive words
- ▶ Taking gifts with you (**if convenient**)
- ▶ Thanking your hosts and praying for them. ‘O Allah, bless for them, that which You have provided them, forgive them and have mercy upon them.’
- ▶ You should thank him three times: when you first arrive, when you’re heading out the door the last day, and after you arrive back home.

Etiquette of the Host



- ▶ The Prophet (SAW) said, “Indeed, your guests have rights upon you”
- ▶ It is Wajib (compulsory) to answer to the Salaam
- ▶ Being generous and hospitable
- ▶ Showing happiness at their visit
- ▶ Serving them, and not asking them to help
- ▶ Using the opportunity to encourage and engage them to do righteous deeds



- ▶ Not leaving them alone at the door or by themselves for long time
- ▶ Not burdening oneself
- ▶ Respecting their privacy and lowering your gaze
- ▶ Remove intimate clothing from their view. If the guest is a man, remove all women's clothing and belongings. This is a desirable, decent practice that will leave you both feeling comfortable
- ▶ Walking guests to their cars or to the door



Visitor's Duties

- ▶ Thanking your hosts and praying for them

Narrated Anas bin Malik: “Allah's Apostle visited a household among the Ansars, and he took a meal with them. When he intended to leave, he asked for a place in that house for him, to pray so a mat sprinkled with water was put and he offered prayer over it, and invoked for Allah's Blessing upon them (his hosts). “

Bukhari (Book [#73](#), Hadith [#103](#))



- ▶ Not taking someone else with you without prior knowledge of the hosts

Narrated Abu Mas'ud Al-Ansari: There was a man called Abu Shu'aib, and he had a slave who was a butcher. He said (to his slave), "Prepare a meal to which I may invite Allah's Apostle along with four other men." So he invited Allah's Apostle and four other men, but another man followed them whereupon the Prophet said, "You have invited me as one of five guests, but now another man has followed us. If you wish you can admit him and if you wish you can refuse him." On that the host said, "But I admit him." Bukhari (Book [#65](#), Hadith [#345](#))



Host's Duties

- ▶ It is the host's responsibility to make the guest feel comfortable. One way of doing this is by identifying his or her possible needs in advance. It is better to offer a guest something before he or she has the chance to ask for it because a courteous guest may hesitate to mention any need. Out of his or her thoughtfulness, such a guest would even try to prevent the host from offering anything.



- ▶ The Quran offers the example of Prophet Abraham anticipating the guest's needs and hastening to fulfill them:
- ▶ *Has the story reached you of the honored guests of Abraham? Behold, they entered his presence and said: "Peace!" He said: "Peace!" (and thought: "They seem) unusual people." Then he turned quickly to his household, brought out a roasted fattened calf, and placed it before them. He said: "Will you not eat?"*
(Quran 51: 24–27)



- ▶ In another tradition, Abd Shuraib al-Adawi reported:

“My ears listened and my eyes saw when Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) spoke and said: He who believes In Allah and the hereafter should show respect to the guest even with utmost kindness and courtesy. They said: Messenger of Allah, what is this utmost kindness and courtesy? He replied: It is for a day and a night. **hospitality** extends for three days, and what is beyond that is a Sadaqa for him; and he who believes in Allah and the Hereafter should say something good or keep quiet.”

Muslim (Book [#018](#), Hadith [#4286](#))

Conclusion



Glory be to Allah (A.W.J), the most honorable beyond any human comprehension, peace be on the apostle and thanks be Allah (A.W.J) the Lord of the worlds.



ASSALAAM ALAYKUM



QUESTIONS!