

Humility

*As-Salaam 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh.
Bismillah Walhamdulillah Was Salaatu Was Salaam 'ala Rasulillah*

Humility is one of the greatest blessings that Allaah can bestow upon His slave. He says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And by the Mercy of Allaah, you dealt with them gently. And had you been severe and harsh-hearted, they would have broken away from about you” [Aal ‘Imraan 3:159]

“And verily, you (O Muhammad) are on an exalted (standard of) character” [al-Qalam 68:4]

This refers to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) being a true slave of Allaah in many ways and his treating all people with the utmost kindness...Al-Majmoo’ al-Kaamilah li Mu’allafaat al-Shaykh al-Sa’di, 5/442, 443

There are many means of attaining humility, which no Muslim adopts but he will attain this characteristic. They were explained by Imam Ibn al-Qayyim as follows:

Humility comes from knowing about Allaah and His names and attributes, and His greatness, venerating Him, loving Him and being in awe of Him; and also from knowing about oneself and one’s faults, and weaknesses. From that may develop the attitude of humility, which means feeling helpless before Allaah, and being humble and compassionate towards His slaves, so that the person does not feel superior towards anyone, or think that he has any rights over anyone else; rather he thinks that others are better than him, and that their rights come before his. This is a characteristic that Allaah gives to those whom He loves, honours and draws close to Him. Al-Rooh, p. 233.

There are many reports which speak of the reward of humility. For example:

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Wealth does not decrease because of charity, and Allaah increases His slave in honour when he forgives others. And no

one humbles himself before Allaah but Allaah will raise him (in status).” Narrated by Muslim, 2588.

Al-Nawawi included it in a chapter entitled: “The recommendation of forgiveness and humility.”

Humility may mean various things, such as:

1. A person humbling himself to the commands and prohibitions of Allaah, doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids.
2. Humbling oneself before the might, majesty and power of Allaah.
3. Humility in one’s dress and manner of walking.
4. Humility towards one who is of lesser status and helping him
5. Humility in interactions with one’s wife and helping her.
6. Humility towards the young and joking (truthfully) with them.
7. Humility towards servants and slaves

We ask Allaah to make us among those who humble themselves before His might. aamin.

Subhanakal lahomma wabihamdik. Ash-hado alla-ilaha-illa ant. Astaghfiroka w'atoobo-ilayk.

Glory be to You, Oh Allah, and all praise! I testify that there is no deity but You. I seek Your forgiveness and to You, I do repent.

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