



# Noble Character of the Holy Prophet (s) in the Holy Quran

**Today's Topic:** Affection

## **Today's Verse**

1) Sura Tawbah, 9:128

What qualities of the Holy Prophet(s) do you get from this verse?

## **Question:**

What are some (non physical) ways of displaying affection?

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# Agenda

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# Understanding Affection

Affection is a feeling of love, care, fondness, concern . . .

Affection of a believer for others stems from:

1) Understanding that God loves all His creatures; Hadith al Qudsi says: *Mankind is my family and the most beloved of them to Me is the one who is most kind to them.*

2) Selflessness, where others are preferred over others. *They love those who have fled to them, . . . And prefer them over themselves . . .*  
(59:9)



# Affection and Mercy

## 1) Mercy of Allah

7:156 – My mercy extends to all things

## 2) The Prophet (s) and mercy

The Prophet is merciful and compassionate to believers (9:128)

The Prophet gentle with people due to mercy from Allah (3:159)

The Prophet as a mercy to the worlds (21:107)



# Displaying affection

- 1) Cheerfulness
  - 2) Kindness
  - 3) Respect
  - 4) Empathy
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# Hadith on Cheerfulness

Meet your brother with a smiling face

**Holy Prophet (s)**

Cheerfulness attracts love

**Imam Ali (a)**

The Holy Prophet (s) used to say; Allah dislikes the person who frowns at his brethren.

**Imam Ali (a)**

When you meet your brethren, shake hands with them and show them friendliness and cheerfulness. When you disperse, the burdens on you will have disappeared.

**Imam Ali (a)**



# Hadith on Respect

Whoever respects his brother in faith has respected Allah.

## **Holy Prophet (s)**

When Salman visited the Prophet (s), he gave Salman his cushion to sit on, saying Allah loves and forgives a person who shows respect to others in that way.



## Affection for his family

The Arabs considered it weak to show affection, especially to women and children.

The Holy Prophet showed love and affection to members of his family:

- Abu Talib and Fatima bint Asad
- Halima
- Bibi Fatima (a)
- His grandsons, Imam Hasan and Husayn (a)





## **Affection for his companions**

Whenever the Holy Prophet (s) did not see someone for more than three days, he would ask about him.

If he was away on a trip he would pray for him.

If he was sick, the Prophet (s) would visit him.

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## **Visiting the families of the companions**

The Holy Prophet (s) visited his companions often. When they passed away, he would visit their families sometimes also.

Once, the Prophet remembered Sa'd bin Rabi' and went with his companions to visit his family.

The Prophet talked about Sa'd and praised him. He blessed him, and prayed for him.

The family upon hearing this began to weep. The Holy Prophet (s) also wept with them.

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## The Prophet visits Zayd bin Harith

Zayd bin Harith was wounded in a battle.

The Holy Prophet (s) went to visit him with his companions. When the daughter of Zayd saw him, she burst into tears.

The Holy Prophet (s) also wept.

When the companions asked him about it, he said: 'That is the affection of a friend for a friend'.



## Affection for children

The Holy Prophet (s) loved the children of Madina. He would:

- say salaam to them and play with them
- stop to inquire about them
- help those who needed it
- Make his companions wait for him while he attended to children



# The Prophet's Hadith on his love for children

I love children because of five things:

- a) they cry often and crying is the key to Paradise
- b) they play with sand (removes pride)
- c) they fight with one another but quickly make up, and don't hold grudges
- d) they do not save anything for tomorrow (no long hopes)
- e) they build houses and then destroy them (are not attached to things)