

Values and their impacts in Family Relationships – Class 6

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Introduction

The solution for every marital problem is satisfaction and patience.. The value we will discuss today is the value of mercy.

VALUES: REHMAH (MERCY)

Mercy is a very important value between husband and wife. Mercy means to attain every good (whether religious of worldly) and to be protected against every evil. We will discuss how the spouses can show mercy towards each other.

The wife should try her best to bring happiness to the heart of her husband. She has to try her best intentionally to always say good and kind words. She should absorb his anger and try to calm him. The merciful wife will not invoke anger in her husband

We will take the example of Khadija R.A who was extremely merciful to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم especially on the night of the first revelation. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was very scared at the time and he came home trembling and he told Khadija to cover him. She did not say anything but immediately covered him. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that I am afraid that something bad could happen to me. She said to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم that Allah will never disgrace you because you are man who does good, maintain relationship between kith and kin and help others. She is the wise and merciful wife of the leader of this ummah.

She was on the way to bring food to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and Jibreel told him that she is bringing food to you, and Allah gives salam to her and I give salam to her.

HADITH: *In his Sahih*, Al-Bukhaari said, “Qutaibah ibn Sa’eed narrated to us [saying]: Muhammad ibn Fudail narrated to us from Ummarah from Abu Zur’ah from Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that he said, “Jibreel came to the Prophet and said, ‘O Messenger of Allaah! This is Khadijah coming to you with a dish having meat soup (or some food or drink). When she reaches you, greet her on behalf of her Lord and on my behalf and give her the glad tidings of having a palace made of Qasab in Paradise, wherein there will be neither any noise nor any toil.’” [Bukhaari, no. 3820 and Muslim, no. 2432].

1. This is because Khadija was so keen in her marital life to not make her husband angry
2. She did not cause any fatigue to her husband and did not make him tired
3. She did not make him to raise his voice at her or her children
4. She provided all means of rest to her husband

It is due to be above reasons she was rewarded in the hereafter. Even Ayesha R.A said that she felt jealous of Khadija although Khadija passed away 3 years before the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was married to Ayesha and Ayesha had never met her. The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said Allah gave me the love of Khadija as provision from Allah

- Behind every great man is a great woman (his wife or his mother)
- Khadija had 6 children but never they gave any trouble to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم). The merciful wife knows to keep her children silent or make them busy so they do not disturb the husband. Let him eat and rest and then tell him what you want.
- In any battle, the winner is the most merciful person, and not the one who overcomes the other in speech. Calmness and silence are a way of showing mercy.

- Husbands always like to look good in front of their family. You should not mention the deficiency of the husband in front of his family. Out of mercy towards the husband you need to conceal his shortcoming.
- The winner in any battle in the family is the one who shows the most mercy. Your silence is a way of showing mercy towards your husband. The wife should not show arrogance that she is better than him. She should not criticize or ignore him because this kills him. He has to feel at rest when he talks to you, do not be a rival to him.
- Mercy is required in any situation in your speech and you should not look down on your husband due to his sins. The wife needs to be not criticize or ignore him. He needs to feel at rest when he talks to you. He should not feel as a rival when he talks to you.
- Gentleness beautifies any matter. Do not be the type of obsessive woman if the husband's personality is weak. There are women who will stop the husband from visiting his family and to only spend on her. This type of husband will be patient with such a woman, until it could reach a state where he will leave her. When he realizes what she is doing to him, he will leave her and divorce her. We need to be gentle in our speech and actions. We need to show mercy when he becomes angry and when he is sick.

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), peace and blessings be upon him, said, "May Allah have mercy on a man who stands at night to pray and wakes his wife to pray. If she refuses, he sprinkles water on her face. May Allah have mercy on a wife who stands at night to pray and wakes her husband to pray. If he refuses, she sprinkles water on his face."

- If a husband and wife get up at tahajud and wake each other up and offer two rakah of salah then they will be recorded as Zakireen.
- We need to do our best to bring happiness to our husband. We need to correct their faults in a gentle way.
- It is out of mercy that if he desires anything lawful then you fulfil for him his needs. You will not lose anything but you will be rewarded for it.
- If you find that you are not a merciful person by nature then you need to take the means that help you to become a merciful person:

Allah considered mercy as one of the greatest good character for the believer. Allah praised the most noble person i.e. the prophet that Allah sent the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), as a mercy for the mankind in Surah .At Tawbah.

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There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful.

In Surah At Tawbah Allah tells us that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), is merciful towards us. One of the names of the Prophet is Nabi ur Rahmah.

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), praised Abu Bakr and said the most merciful in my ummah towards my ummah is Abu Bakr.

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), said in a hadith that Allah shows mercy to only those who are merciful among his servants.

We need to cure the stubbornness in us as it is a characteristic of Bani Israel. This is an indication of no mercy in the heart. We need to show mercy in this life, so Allah will be merciful towards us on the Day of judgment. The wife needs to be balanced in her speech and actions. She needs to check what provoked her to be angry towards her husband and she needs to remove all such elements.

Allah said in Surah Aal e Imran that it was due to the mercy of Allah that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), have dealt with the companions gently and if he was harsh then they would have left him.

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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].

Mercy is required in dealing with others. We should not make a big issue out of every matter.

THREE ADVICES ON HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOMES HAPPY

1. Build your houses on the religion of Allah especially you need to take care of the prayer. We need to build our relationship on the religion of Allah. Any relationship not built on the religion of Allah will be a failure.
2. We need to help each other on fulfilling the religion of Allah. We need to practice good conduct with each other inside our homes. Many of us show good conduct outside the house but they are not at their best behavior when they are in their houses. The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), said the best among you is the best to his family. We need to take him as an example.
3. Regarding any worldly matter one should give away their right e.g. If your husband cannot give you some of your rights then forgive him and give up some of your rights in order for the life to continue in harmony
4. If we hate anything in our husband then we need to remember the good character as we don't want to give the Shaitaan a chance to separate us.