

Building your personality is just like building a house



Place



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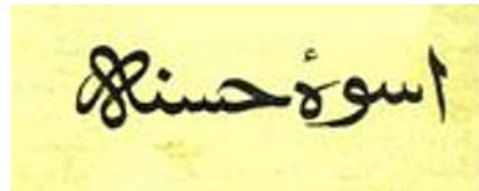


Approved Map

Directions given to us by الله
And through محمد ﷺ



Role Model



What approved map has been given to us?

• In the Qur'an:

• سُورَةُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

(a) قَدْ أَفْلَحَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ (١) الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي صَلَاتِهِمْ خَاشِعُونَ (٢)

Successful indeed are the believers. (1)

Those who offer their Salât (prayers) with all solemnity and full submissiveness. (2)

(b) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ اللَّغْوِ مُعْرِضُونَ (٣)

And those who turn away from Al-Laghw (dirty, false, evil vain talk, falsehood, and all that Allâh has forbidden). (3)

(c) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلزَّكَاةِ فَاعِلُونَ (٤)

And those who pay the Zakat. (4)

(d) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَعْتَابِهِمْ حَافِظُونَ (٥)

(4) And those who guard their chastity (i.e. private parts, from illegal sexual acts).

(e) إِلَّا عَلَىٰ أَزْوَاجِهِمْ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ غَيْرُ مَلُومِينَ (٦)

Except from their wives or (slaves) that their right hands possess, - for then, they are free from blame;

(f) فَمَنْ أَتَّبَعَىٰ وَرَاءَ ذَٰلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْعَادُونَ (٧)

But whoever seeks beyond that, then those are the transgressors;

(g) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمَانَاتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ (٨)

Those who are faithfully true to their Amanât (all the duties which Allâh has ordained, honesty, moral responsibility and trusts)[] and to their covenants;

(h) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَىٰ صَلَوَاتِهِمْ يُحَافِظُونَ (٩)

And those who strictly guard their (five compulsory congregational) Salawât (prayers) (at their fixed stated hours).

(i) أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْوَارِثُونَ (١٠)

These are indeed the inheritors.

• سُورَةُ الْمَعَارِجِ

(a) الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَىٰ صَلَاتِهِمْ دَائِمُونَ (٢٣)

Those who remain constant in their Salât (prayers);

(b) وَالَّذِينَ فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ مَّعْلُومٌ (٢٤)

And those in whose wealth there is a recognized right,

(c) لِلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ (٢٥)

For the beggar who asks, and for the unlucky who has lost his property and wealth, (and his means of living has been straitened);

(d) وَالَّذِينَ يُصَدِّقُونَ بِيَوْمِ الدِّينِ (٢٦)

And those who believe in the Day of Recompense,

(e) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابِ رَبِّهِمْ مُشْفِقُونَ (٢٧)

And those who fear the torment of their Lord,

(f) إِنَّ عَذَابَ رَبِّهِمْ غَيْرُ مَأْمُونٍ (٢٨)

Verily, the torment of their Lord is that before which none can feel secure

(g) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِشَهَادَاتِهِمْ قَائِمُونَ (٢٩)

And those who stand firm in their testimonies;

- (h) **أُولَٰئِكَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ مُّكْرَمَاتٍ (٣٥)**
Such shall dwell in the Gardens (i.e. Paradise) honored.

• سُورَةُ الْفُرْقَانِ

- (a) **وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا (٦٣)**
And the (faithful) slaves of the Most Gracious (Allâh) are those who walk on the earth in humility and sedateness, and when the foolish address them (with bad words) they reply back with mild words of gentleness.
- (b) **وَالَّذِينَ يَبِيتُونَ لِرَبِّهِمْ سُجَّدًا وَقِيَامًا (٦٤)**
And those who spend the night in worship of their Lord, prostrate and standing
- (c) **وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَصْرِفْ عَنَّا عَذَابَ جَهَنَّمَ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ غَرَامًا (٦٥)**
And those who say: "Our Lord! Avert from us the torment of Hell. Verily! Its torment is ever an inseparable, permanent punishment."
- (d) **إِنَّهَا سَاءَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا (٦٦)**
Evil indeed it (Hell) is as an abode and as a place to rest in.
- (e) **وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَنْفَعُوا لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا (٦٧)**
And those, who, when they spend, are neither extravagant nor niggardly, but hold a medium (way) between those (extremes).
- (f) **وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَتَامًا (٦٨)**
And those who invoke not any other ilâh (god) along with Allâh, nor kill such person as Allâh has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse - and whoever does this shall receive the punishment
- (g) **يُضَاعَفْ لَهُ الْعَذَابُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَخَلَّدُ فِيهِ مُهَاتًا (٦٩)**
The torment will be doubled to him on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein in disgrace;
- (h) **إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَءَامَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَٰئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا (٧٠)**
Except those who repent and believe (in Islamic Monotheism), and do righteous deeds, for those, Allâh will change their sins into good deeds, and Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful
- (i) **وَمَنْ تَابَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَإِنَّهُ يَتُوبُ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَتَابًا (٧١)**
And whosoever repents and does righteous good deeds, then verily, he repents towards Allâh with true repentance.
- (j) **وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ الزُّورَ وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِاللَّغْوِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا (٧٢)**
And those who do not witness to falsehood, and if they pass by some evil play or evil talk, they pass by it with dignity.
- (k) **وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا دُكِّرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ لَمْ يَخِرُّوا عَلَيْهَا صُمًّا وَعُمْيَانًا (٧٣)**
And those who, when they are reminded of the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of their Lord, fall not deaf and blind thereat.
- (l) **وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا (٧٤)**
And those who say: "Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring the comfort of our eyes, and make us leaders for the Muttaqûn" (pious - see V.2:2)."
- (m) **أُولَٰئِكَ يُجْزَوْنَ الْغُرْفَةَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَيُلَقَّوْنَ فِيهَا تَحِيَّةً وَسَلَامًا (٧٥)**
Those will be rewarded with the highest place (in Paradise) because of their patience. Therein they shall be met with greetings and the word of peace and respect.
- (n) **خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا حَسُنَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا (٧٦)**
Abiding therein;— excellent it is as an abode, and as a place to dwell.
- (o) **قُلْ مَا يَدْعُوا بِكُمْ رَبِّي لَوْلَا دُعَاؤُكُمْ فَقَدْ كَذَّبْتُمْ فَسَوْفَ يَكُونُ لِزَامًا (٧٧)**
Say (O Muhammad SAW to the disbelievers): "My Lord pays attention to you only because of your invocation to Him. But now you have indeed denied (Him). So the torment will be yours forever (inseparable permanent punishment)."

What role model has been given to us?

• In Hadith:

1. Best Manners

"God has sent me to perfect good manners and to do good deeds." (Bukhari)

2. Selflessness, never complained

"The Prophet ﷺ resembled a Prophet who was harmed by his people. He wiped the blood from his face and said: 'O God! Forgive my people, for they know not!" (Bukhari) (After being driven out of taif)

3. Epitome of good manners

"The Prophet ﷺ did not swear at anyone, nor was He rude, nor did He curse anyone. If he desired to reprimand someone, he would say: 'What is wrong with him, may dust be cast in his face!" (Bukhari)

4. Good humor devoid of laghw, lies, vulgarity or debasing someone

Anas (RA) reports such an example by saying:

"Once a man asked Muhammad ﷺ for an animal to ride. He replied that He would give him the baby of a she-camel to ride on. The man asked 'What would he do with a she-camel baby?' Muhammad ﷺ replied, 'Is there any camel which is not born of a she-camel?'" (Abu-Dawood)

5. Peace lover

In one of His hadith Prophet ﷺ said:

"Let us go to resolve the situation and make peace between them." (Bukhari)

6. Kind to kids

He ﷺ used to say to kids: "I'll give such and such (i.e. gift or so) to the one who comes to me first." So they used to race and fall on His back and chest. (Ahmad)

7. Generous

One of His companions notes:

"The Prophet ﷺ did not refuse to give anything which He had to someone if he asked for it." (Bukhari)

8. Pleasantness

His companion said about Him:

"I have never seen a man who smiled as much as the Messenger of Allah." (Tirmidhi)

9. Cooperative

As one of His companion narrates regarding the battle of Trench:

"I saw the Messenger of Allah on the Day of the Trench carrying dirt (that was dug from the trench) until his chest was covered with dirt." (Bukhari)

10. Caring towards animals

Aisha (RA) narrated: "I once found difficulty riding a horse, so I kept reining it in repeatedly. The Prophet ﷺ then said, 'You must have gentleness.'" (Muslim)

11. Dis-association from worldly things

Regarding this attribute of His personality, one of His companions notes:

"The Messenger of Allah did not leave any gold or silver currency, or a slave, male or female, after his death. He only left behind his white mule, his weapons and a piece of land which he declared as charity." (Bukhari)

12. Considerate

Prophet ﷺ said in a hadith:

"I stand up for prayer intending to prolong it. In the meantime I hear the wailing of a baby and I have to shorten my prayer, being apprehensive lest my recitation of a long verse may tell upon the baby's mother." (Bukhari)

13. Embodiment of Qur'an

Aisha (RA) said that when describing the Prophet ﷺ. It is mentioned in the lengthy story about Sa'd ibn Hishaam ibn 'Aamir, when he came to Madeenah and went to Aisha (RA) and asked her about some matters. He said: I said: O Mother of the believers, tell me about the character of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. She said: Do you not read the Qur'an? I said: Of course. She said: The character of the Prophet of Allah ﷺ was the Qur'an. I wanted to get up and not ask about anything else until I died... (Muslim #746)

14. Kindness towards everyone

Abu Huraira (RA) said: the Prophet ﷺ was asked to curse the infidels. He said, "I have not been sent to curse people but as a mercy to all mankind." (Muslim)

15. Forgiving

Anas (RA) reported that a Jewess came to Allah's Messenger ﷺ with poisoned mutton and he took of what had been brought to him. (When the effect of his poison were felt by him) he called for her and asked her about that, whereupon she said: I had determined to kill you. Thereupon he said: Allah will never give you the power to do it. He (the narrator) said that they (the Companions of the Holy Prophet) said: Should we not kill her? Thereupon he said: No. He (Anas) said: I felt (the effects of this poison) on the uvula of Allah's Messenger. (Muslim)

16. He fought only for the sake of Allah

Mother of faithful believers, Aisha (RA) said that the Holy Prophet ﷺ never struck anybody with his hand, neither a servant nor a women, but he did fight (jihad) in the cause of Allah. He never avenged any wrong done to him personally, but he did avenge a wrong violating divine commandments. (Muslim)

17. Gentleness

Anas (RA) said: While we were in the mosque with Allah's Messenger ﷺ a desert Arab came and began to pass water in the mosque. The companions of Allah's Messenger said, "Stop! Stop!" but Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Don't interrupt him; leave him alone." They left him alone, and when he had finished, Allah's Messenger ﷺ called him and said to him, "These mosques are not suitable places for urine and filth, but are only for remembrance of Allah, prayer and recitation of the Qur'an," or however Allah's Messenger expressed it.*Anas (RA) said that he then gave orders to one of the people who brought a bucket and poured water over it. (Bukhari and Muslim)

*Indicating that the transmitter is not sure of the exact words.

18. He did not speak to please but always said the truth

Amr ibn al-Aas ﷺ reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ in his special talk, used to pay attention even to the worst man in the community with a view to win his heart. "Towards me also," states Amr ﷺ, "he used to pay much attention, addressing me more than he did others, wherefore I began to think that I was the best man in the community. So under this impression, one day I asked him: "Am I superior or Hadrat Umar?" He said, 'Umar'. Again I asked him clearly, he told me correctly, without fear or favor, and later on I thought I should not have asked him such things." (Tirmidhi)

19. Ordering with the good and forbidding evil

Abu Saeed al-Khudri said:

I heard the Messenger of Allah say: "Whoever of you sees an evil action, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart..." (Muslim)

20. Safeguarding and Minding One's Language, Helping widows, orphans and needy

The Messenger of God ﷺ would busy himself with the remembrance of God; he would not talk in vain. He would lengthen his prayers and shorten the speech, and he would not hesitate to help and take care of the needs of a needy, poor or widow. (Ibn Hib'ban #6423)

21. Faith and trust in Allah

When Abu Bakr and the Prophet hid in a cave after they had left their homes in order to migrate to Madeenah, the disbelievers of Makkah had sent scouts in search of them. They came so close to the cave that Abu Bakr could see their feet. Abu Bakr said:

"I looked at the feet of the pagans while we were in the cave [of Thawr]. I said, 'O Prophet of God! If anyone of them looks down at his feet he would see us!' The Messenger of God ﷺ said: 'O Abu Bakr! What do you think of two with whom God, the Exalted, is their Third?'" (Muslim #1854)

22. Truthfulness

A'ishah said:

"The trait and characteristic which the Prophet ﷺ hated most was lying. A man would tell a lie in the presence of the Prophet ﷺ and he would hold it against him, until he knew that he repented." (Tirmidhi #1973)

23. Always Seeking the Moderate Path

A'ishah said:

"The Prophet ﷺ was not given a choice between two matters, except that he chose the easier of the two, as long as it was not a sinful act. If that act was a sinful act, he would be the farthest from it. By God! He never avenged himself. He only became angry when people transgressed the limits and boundaries of God; in that case he avenged [for the sake of God]." (Bukhari #6404)

24. Bashfulness and Modesty

A'ishah said:

"A woman asked the Prophet ﷺ about the bath which is taken at the end of the menstrual period. The Prophet ﷺ said: 'Purify yourself with a piece of cloth scented with musk.' The Prophet ﷺ felt shy and turned his face. A'ishah said: 'I pulled her to myself and told her what the Prophet ﷺ meant.'" (Bukhari #313)

25. Humbleness

Imam Ahmad relates in book of abstinence that someone brought the Prophet a nice pillow to sit on and gave him bread on a nice platter. The Prophet ﷺ said, "I am slave; I eat like a slave eats and I sit as a slave sits." (Sahih al-Jami')

26. Patience

When his son Ibrahim died, tears came out of his eyes.

Abdur-Rahman the son of Awf said: "Even you O Messenger of Allah are crying." He said: "O son of Awf, it is a mercy." He then followed it with another tear, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ then said: "The eye sheds tears, the heart is saddened, but we do not say other than what is accepted by Allah; and we are saddened for your departure of this world O Ibrahim." (Sahih Bukhari Vol #02 Book #23 Hadith #390)

We choose a good neighborhood to build our homes in, similarly we need to be surrounded by good people to build up our own personality



neighborhood



ummat

What types of qualities should an ummat have?

- **سُورَةُ الْمَائِدَةِ**

1. يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٌ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٌ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ (٥٤)

you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allâh will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allâh, and never fear of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allâh which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allâh is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower.

2. إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ (٥٥)

Verily, your Walî (Protector or Helper) is none other than Allâh, His Messenger, and the believers, - those who perform As-Salât (Iqamat-as-Salât), and give Zakat, and they are Rakiun (those who bow down or submit themselves with obedience to Allâh in prayer).

3. وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَإِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ (٥٦)

And whosoever takes Allâh, His Messenger, and those who have believed, as Protectors, then the party of Allâh will be the victorious



Building material



Resources

What are our resources?

1. Our approach towards renovating our personality
2. Our surroundings & environment of our home
3. Time
4. Patience
5. Help from family and friends
6. Learning from our mistakes
7. Determination no matter what the situation