

# The Character of The Bearers and People of the Qur'an

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1. The first matter that it befits him to employ is taqwa (fear) of Allah secretly and openly, by exercising caution (wara') with regards to the sources of his food, drink, dress and earnings.

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2. He is perceptive about his time and the corruptions of its people, that he may beware of them regarding his religion.

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3. He concentrates on his own situation, having the aspiration to reform whatever is corrupt in his affairs, guarding his tongue and choosing his words.



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4. If he speaks, he speaks with knowledge when he sees speech to be correct.

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5. If he remains silent, he remains silent with knowledge when he sees silence to be correct.

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6. He rarely delves into that which does not concern Him.



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7. He fears from his tongue things more severe  
than he fears from his enemy.

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8. He imprisons his tongue the way he imprisons his enemy, so that he may be safe from its evil and bad consequences.



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9. He rarely laughs at the matters at which people laugh, due to the bad consequences of laughter.

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10. If he is pleased by something in accordance with the truth, he smiles.

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11. he dislikes joking, fearing frivolity; if he jokes,  
he speaks the truth.



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12. He is accommodating in countenance, pure in speech.

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13. He does not allow himself to be praised for qualities he has, how then for qualities he does not have?

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14. He is wary of his self, that it should overcome him for what it desires, of the things that will anger his Master.



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15. He does not backbite anyone.

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16. He does not look down upon anyone.

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17. He does not abuse anyone.



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18. He is not happy at the affliction of others.

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19. He neither transgresses upon anyone, nor  
envies him.

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20. He does not think the worst about anyone,  
except for one who deserves it.



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21. He loves with knowledge, and hates with knowledge.

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22. He speaks about a person's faults only with knowledge, and remains silent about a person's real nature with knowledge.

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23. He made the Qur'an, Sunnah and Fiqh his guide to every good and beautiful quality, guarding all his limbs from what has been forbidden.



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24. If he walks, he walks with knowledge.

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25. If he sits, he sits with knowledge.

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26. He strives hard so that people may be safe  
from his tongue and hand.



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27. He does not behave ignorantly: if someone behaves ignorantly towards him, he is forbearing.

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28. He does not oppress: if he is oppressed, he forgives.

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29. He does not transgress: if he is transgressed upon, he has patience.



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30. He restrains his fury to please his Lord and enrage his enemy.

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31. His is humble in himself: when the truth is presented to him, he accepts it, whether from on younger or older.

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32. He seeks status from Allah, not from the  
creatures.



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33. He despises arrogance, fearing for his self  
from it.

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34. He is content with little, so it suffices him.

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35. He follows the obligations of the Quran and the Sunnah:

- he eats food with knowledge
- he drinks with knowledge
- he dresses with knowledge
- he sleeps with knowledge

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- he has union with his wife with knowledge
- he accompanies his brothers with knowledge
- visiting them with knowledge
- seeking permission to enter upon them with knowledge
- greeting them with knowledge
- he treats his neighbor with knowledge

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36. He imposes strictly upon himself the honoring of his parents:

- he lowers his wings to them
- he lowers his voice before their voices
- he expends his wealth for them

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- he looks upon them with the eye of respect and mercy
- he prays for their longevity
- he is thankful for them in old age
- he is not irritated by them

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- he does not look down upon them
- if they ask for his help in a matter of obedience, he helps them
- if they ask for his help in a matter of disobedience, he does not help them

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- he is gentle with them in his disobedience of them
- he shows beautiful etiquette such that they may return from the ugly matter they intended that is does benefit them to do.

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37. He maintains family relation and despises  
breaking them.



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38. If someone breaks off relations with him, he  
does not break off relations with them.

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39. If someone disobeys Allah regarding him, he obeys Allah regarding him.

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40. He accompanies the believers with knowledge, and sits with them with knowledge.



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41. He benefits those who accompany him, being an excellent companion for those whom he sits with.

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42. If he teaches another, he is gentle with him.

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43. He is not hash with the one who makes  
mistake, and does not embarrass him.



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44. He is gentle in all his matters, extremely patient in teaching goodness.

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45. The learner finds comfort in him, and the one sitting with him is joyous at his company.

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46. Sitting with him brings goodness.



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47. He educates his companions with the etiquettes of the Quran and the Sunnah.

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48. If he is afflicted with a difficulty, the Qur'an and the Sunnah are two educators for him.

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49. He grieves with knowledge.



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50. He cries with knowledge.

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51. He has patience with knowledge.

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52. He purifies himself with knowledge.



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53. He prays with knowledge.

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54. He gives Zakah and charity with knowledge.

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55. He fasts with knowledge.



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56. He performs pilgrimage with knowledge.

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57. He wages war with knowledge.

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58. He earns with knowledge, and spends with knowledge.



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59. He eases in matters with knowledge, and tightens in them with knowledge.

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60. He looks through the pages of the Quran in order to teach himself manners.