

Thereupon he said: I am a messenger to you, from Allah (to inform you) that Allah loves you as you love him (i.e your brother) for His sake.”

[Reported by Muslim]

'Umar bn Khattāb (May Allah be pleased with him) would remember a man from his brothers one night and he would say: “The night is so long.” If he prays the Maktūbah (i.e the obligatory prayers in congregation), he turns towards him. And when they both meet, he hugs him.

09 Supporting him upon goodness

Allah the Most High says: “Help you one another in Al-Birr and at-Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety)” [Maa'idah: 22]

The prophet ﷺ said: “None of you will truly have faith until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.”

Sufyān bn 'Uyaynah was asked about the words of Allah that says, “Help you one another in Al-Birr and at-Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety)” [Maa'idah: 22] and he said, “It is that you work with him, you call to him, you assist him and you guide (people) to him.”

10 Being patient with the flaws of others on issues that are not religious issues

Patience is required in all situations in its three types. While enumerating the attributes of the Believers, Allah the Most High says: “... And (they) recommend one another to the truth (i.e order one another to perform all kinds of good deeds (Al-Ma'ruf) which Allah has ordained, and abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds (Al-Munkar) which Allah has forbidden, and (they) recommend one another to patience...

(for the suffering, harms and injuries which one may encounter in Allah's cause during preaching His religion of Islāmic Monotheism or Jihad, etc).”

[Asr:3]

Yahya bn Mu'adh (May Allah have mercy on him) said that: “The reality of true love (become Allāh) is that being good (towards the other person) does not increase it, being indifferent does not decrease it.”

Al-Junayd said: “If the love is authentic, the principles of manners get lost.”

THESE ARE THE TEN BRIEF POINTS, IT HAS CLARIFIED SOME THINGS THAT SHOULD STRENGTHEN BROTHERHOOD AND COMPANIONSHIP.

WE BESEECH (ALLAH) THAT THIS A GOOD MEANS. I HOPE THAT THIS IS BENEFICIAL AND I PRAY THAT THEY APPLY (THE KNOWLEDGE).

MAY ALLAH GRANT US GOOD SAYINGS AND DEEDS.

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BRIEF POINTS IN EXPLAINING RIGHTS OF BROTHERHOOD

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In the name of Allah, the Most-Beneficient, the Most-Merciful.

All praises be to Allah, the Lord of all worlds. Salutations and peace be upon our prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, and all his household and companions.

To proceed: These are simple points in explaining the rights of brotherhood for the sake of Allah, I would love to compile it from texts (of Quran and Sunnah) and words from the Salaf (the pious predecessors); due to what is observed of great negligence with respect to paying attention to this important right. important rights, and how separation among brothers has become easy without any legislative reason nor any religious necessity; they are just born out of absence of cooperation in following or incompatibility of nature.

I will say a brief, little and encompassing word; to reinstate the attainment of the goal I wish.

01 Desiring a righteous person (as a friend/companion)

The prophet ﷺ said: “A man is upon the religion of his brother; you should beware of the one you take as friend.”

He ﷺ also said: “The similitude of a pious companion and an evil companion is like a possessor/seller of musk (perfume) and a bellow blower (blacksmith); the possessor/seller of musk would either give you for free, or you would buy from him or smell it's pleasant smell, and the bellow blower (blacksmith), it's either he burns your clothes or you smell a repugnant smell.”

It was narrated that Bilāl bn Sa'd would say: “Your brother that whenever he sees you, he reminds you of Allah, is better than a brother that whenever he sees you, he gives you Dinar (money)”

Mālik bn Dinar said to Mughira ibn Habeeb: “O Mughira, every brother, companion or friend that does not add any good benefit to your religion, you should abandon his companionship.”

02 Tolerance among brothers

Allah the Most High says:

“...And those who repress anger, and who pardon men; verily, Allah loves al-Muhsinin (the good-doers).”

[Aali Imraan:134]

He ﷺ said:

“...and the servant who forgives, Allah adds to his honour, and no one humbles himself for Allah except that Allāh elevates him.”

(Narrated by Muslim)

It was narrated that a misunderstanding occurred between ibn Sammāk and his friend, so his friend told him that, “Tomorrow is appointed, we will talk/blame one another.” But he said, “Tomorrow is appointed, we will forgive one another.”

03 Showing love by informing (one's friend) of it and acting by what that (i.e the love) necessitates

Our prophet ﷺ said: “If a man loves his brother, he should inform him that he loves him.”

[Narrated by al-Bukhari in Adabul Mufrad]

Sufyān bn 'Uyaynah (May Allah have mercy on him) said: I heard Musāwir al-Warrāq swearing by Allah that: “I have never told anyone that I love you because of Allah” and I withhold that person of anything in this world.”

Shaykul Islam ibn Taymiyyah (May Allah have mercy on him) said: “The one who loves for Allah, whenever he loves a person because of Allah; Allah will love him; because he loves that he gets him connected to Allah. Both the one who loves for Allah and the one who is being loved for Allah gets connected to Allah.”

04 Advice among brothers

The prophet ﷺ said:

“The religion is admonition” three times. We (the companions) said that for who O Messenger of Allah? He said: For Allah, for His book, for His Messenger, for the leaders of the Muslims and the general masses.”

(Reported by Muslim)

Hasan al-Basri (May Allah have mercy on him) said: “Our brothers are more beloved to us than our families; our brothers remind us of the Hereafter while our family remind us of the world.”

05 Selflessness among companions

Allah praised the companions of His prophet ﷺ that:

“...and give them (emigrants) preference over themselves, even though they were in need of that. And whosoever is saved from his own covetousness, such are they who will be the successful.” [Hashr:9]

'Abbās bn Dahqan said: “No one left this world in the same manner he came into it except Bishr al-Haarith, because a man came to him while he (Bishr al-Haarith) was sick and the man complained of his needs to him. He (Bishr al-Haarith) removed his clothes and gave it to the man, and he borrowed a cloth and died in it.”

06 Overlooking and pretending not to notice (your brother's misdeeds)

Allah the Most High says:

And (remember) when the prophet ﷺ disclosed a matter in confidence to one of his wives (Hafsah), so when she told it (to another i.e 'Aishah), and Allah made it known to him, he informed part thereof and left a part. Then when he told her (Hafsah) thereof, she said: 'Who told you this?' He said: “The All-Knower, the All-Aware (Allāh) has told me.”

Al-Qurtubi said: “He left a part for honour.” As-Sa'dee said the same also. Hasan (May Allah have mercy on him) also said: “No honourable person (is) inquisitive (about hidden affairs of others misdeed).”

07 Being happy with this brotherhood

The prophet ﷺ said: “Whoever possesses the following three qualities will taste the sweetness of faith - And he mentioned from it that - and for him to love a person only for Allah's sake.”

Leader of the Believers, 'Umar bn Khattāb said: “If Allah has provided you with having affection for a person who is a Muslim, you should cling to it.”

08 Visiting and longing to see brothers

It was narrated from the prophet ﷺ that: “A person visited his brother in another town and Allah deputed an Angel to wait for him on his way and when he came to him he said: Where do you intend to go? He said: I intend to go to my brother in this town. He said: Have you done any favour to him (the repayment of which you intend to get)? He said: No, except that I love him for the sake of Allah.”