

The Importance of good manners

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "We find some of the Salafees harsh in their speech and in their da`wah and with their families; And if they see a man who is not from amongst them, they grimace at him, which is contrary to what we find from the Ikhwaan al-Muslimeen; Good manners is what is lacking in us, so we need sincere advice from you, and may Allaah reward you with good."

Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee [May Allaah have mercy upon him]: "This is an important matter and that is to advise one another about good manners. Allaah [(Subhanahu wa-ta'ala) The Exalted, The Most High] says regarding the Prophet [(sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him]:

[And verily, you are on an exalted (standard of) character]¹

And He [(Subhanahu wa-ta'ala) The Exalted, The Most High] says:

[And by the Mercy of Allaah, you dealt with them gently. And had you been severe and harsh-hearted, they would have broken away from about you; so pass over (their faults), and ask (Allaah`s) forgiveness for them; and consult them in the affairs]²

And this (harsh) Salafee was probably a beginner in seeking knowledge, as the norm with beginners is that they are a little zealous and harsh - whether he is a Salafee or Ikhwaanee or other than that. And this is what we and others have experienced. Otherwise, and all Praise is due to Allaah (alone), our brothers freely mix with their brothers in al-Hudaydah, Taa`iz, Aden and Hadramout, and the people receive them and welcome them with love and respect, and this is evidence that they are exposed to good and honourable manners, and Allaahul-Musta`aan (Allaah is the One from whom Assistance is sought)."

¹ Soorah al-Qalam [68:4]

² Soorah Aal `Imraan [3:109]