



My Pure  
And  Heart  
STRONG  
MORALS

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This Book Belongs to:

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Peace and blessings be on our dear Prophet (s)  
who guides us with beautiful morals...



# Strong Morals



Allah reminds us in the Holy Qur'an to be patient with the problems we face, to be tolerant towards others, to be selfless, and to help the less fortunate. We are taught more wonderful things in the Holy Qur'an, such as being obedient, honest, loyal, fair, merciful, compassionate, and soft-tempered. To have these beautiful traits is to have strong morals. By following these commands, we can have the feeling of Heaven here on Earth and have it in the Hereafter.



To be successful in life, being a moral person is just as important as worshipping and gaining wisdom. Our Prophet (s) emphasized the importance of this in the hadith, "I was sent to complete good morals and noble manners." He taught others how to have good morals by being the perfect example of them.

Our faith, which teaches us good morals, is like a bodyguard. When we want to do something bad, it says,



“No, you shouldn’t do that! Allah sees you and He knows what you did. It’s not right!” Those who have faith work to make sure Allah is pleased with them first. They’ll work hard to behave with good morals. The Holy Qur’an and our dear Prophet (s) teaches us how to be good people.

Those who don’t have faith might only behave morally when they are around other people. When they are alone they might say, “No one will see anyway,” and do whatever they want. But part of faith is to have sincerity. Being sincere is to have morality even when no one is watching us.

Throughout history many people have followed the way of the prophets. These people tried hard to live the



moral lessons of the prophets. Rumi, Yunus Emre and Abu Hanifa are among the many loved by millions of people for their good morals.

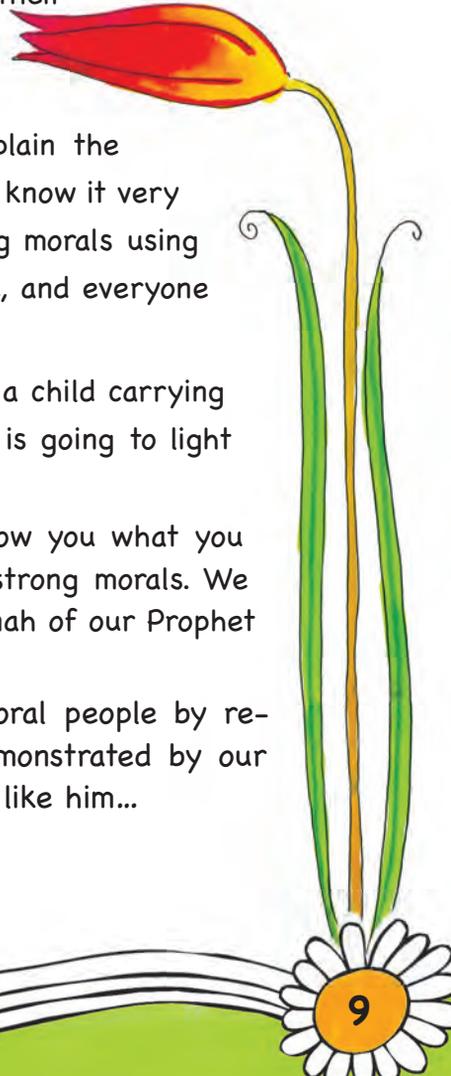
Even though it has been centuries since they passed away, people today admire their beautiful and pure lives.

Moral people are the architects of goodness. Just as you can't explain the way a fruit tastes even though you know it very well, it is difficult to explain strong morals using words. Everyone loves these people, and everyone wants to be their friend.

A person with bad morals is like a child carrying fire. No one knows what the child is going to light on fire or when the child will do it.

In this book, we will try to show you what you need to do to be a person with strong morals. We used the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of our Prophet (s) to shine light on this subject.

Come, let's learn how to be moral people by reading this book and seeing it demonstrated by our Prophet (s). We will be loved just like him...



# Our Prophet's (s) Morals

Our Prophet's (s) words, behavior, and the events in his life are recorded in the Sunnah. The Sunnah is like a castle. Whoever lives inside it will be protected from bad behavior. A Muslim's morality comes from the Prophet's (s) Sunnah.

Since the Prophet's (s) morals are the same as those in the Qur'an, if we follow the Prophet (s), we are also following the Qur'an. Whenever you feel bad, there is the Sunnah to show you a way out.

Physicists and mathematicians learn the laws of physics and math and can solve thousands of problems. They use these laws as the basis for great inventions. In the same way, following our Prophet's (s) Sunnah is the formula for experiencing Heaven on Earth and having it in the Hereafter.



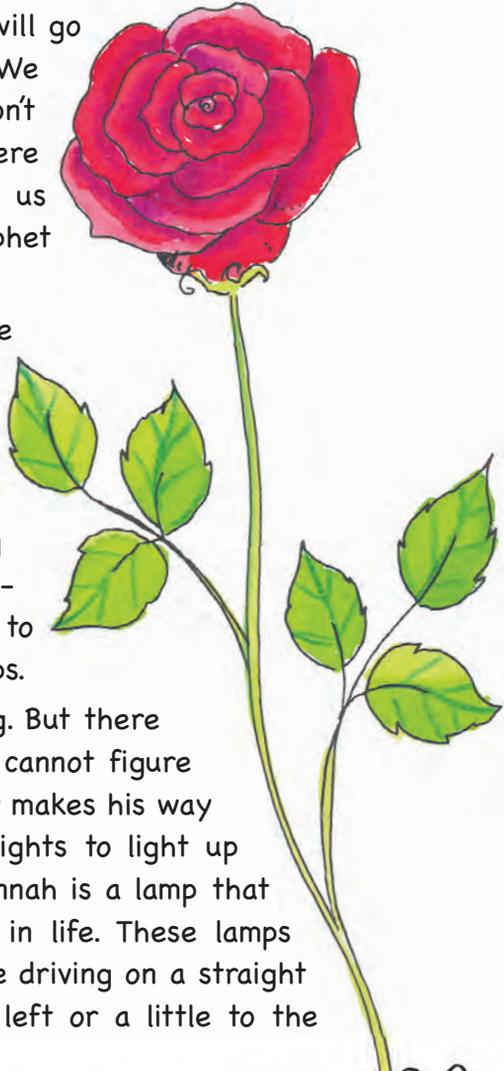
There is balance and harmony in everything. An apple is never as big as a watermelon and a walnut would



never grow to be as big as a pumpkin. The Sunnah, too, is in harmony with this life. A baby who doesn't know what fire is will go and stick his hand in the fire. We are just like that baby. We don't know how to get to Heaven! There should be someone to teach us this! That teacher is our Prophet Muhammad (s).

Some people object to the Sunnah, saying, "I don't need anyone to teach me how to live my life. Using my mind, I can live my life as I wish." These people are like someone trying to reach the sky using an elevator. An elevator can only go up to a certain point and then it stops.

The mind is a powerful thing. But there are things that even the mind cannot figure out on its own. Just as a driver makes his way through the night using headlights to light up the road, each part of the Sunnah is a lamp that lights up the road we travel in life. These lamps show the way to Heaven. While driving on a straight road, if we go a little to the left or a little to the



right, the car will go off the road. Similarly, if a Muslim goes a little bit to the left or right, they'll stray off the path of the Qur'an.

Mountaineers give rope to those who have fallen. The fallen person must then connect themselves to the rope. When the person is securely fastened, the people above pull the person up to safety. We should tie ourselves to the Sunnah in the same way so we'll be pulled up to safety. Insha'Allah we'll say, "Oh! We have been pulled to Heaven!"



Oh Allah, give us love of our Prophet, shower him with many blessings and give us the strength to follow his Sunnah. Ameen!





Everything in the universe moves. Even things that aren't alive move. Electrons move. Ships on the sea, planes in the air, cars on the road...

It would be unthinkable for people not to move in life. If plants and animals work day and night then people should work too. There is a responsibility appropriate for each person's age, profession and health. A student has her courses, an officer has his duties, and a manager has her administrative work. A garden needs to be maintained and a house must be cleaned.



Working saves a person from going hungry. Allah gave His beloved servants strength to work for their own benefit and livelihood.



## Our Prophet (s) and the Beggar

One day our Prophet (s) came to a beggar. When the Prophet (s) saw him he asked, "What do you have at home?" The man answered, "I have a blanket. I lie on one half of it, and use the other half as a blanket. I have a cup that I use to drink water. I don't have anything else." Our Prophet (s) said, "Bring them to me."

The beggar ran home. He got his blanket and cup and brought them to the Messenger of Allah. Our Prophet (s) sold these things. He gave all the money to the beggar. Then the Prophet (s) said, "Half of this money will go to your children. With the other half buy an axe-head and bring it to me."

The beggar did as he was told. Our Prophet (s) put a handle on the axe-head and gave it to the beggar. "Go and be a woodcutter," he commanded.

The beggar followed the Prophet's (s) order. Two weeks later he came running to our Prophet (s) with money in his hand. When our Prophet (s) saw the beggar, he said, "Do this work. It's better for you to come to the Day of Judgment without the stain of begging on your forehead."





## Using Time Wisely



The way to have eternal happiness is to use the limited time we have in this world wisely. Every day we tear off a calendar page and throw it in the trash. We should ask ourselves, "Did our time today go in the trash like that calendar page?"

Like a movie, if we could be shown the days that have passed in our lives, we would say, "Oh no! Look how I have wasted my days!"

Certainly an ignorant person could never be a scholar. The difference between these two is how they use their time.

### Plan and Schedule

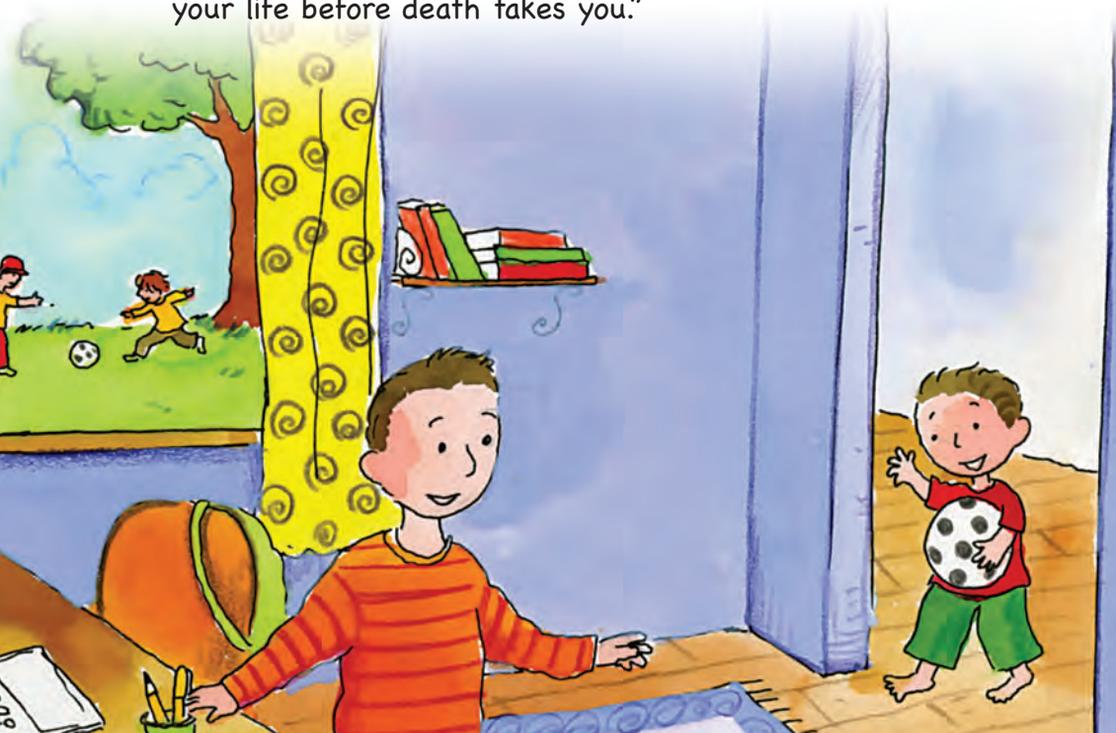
Living with a schedule extends a person's life. A person who doesn't know how to use time wisely is a useless person. Even five minutes is very important. When you add up all the little five-minute breaks, they add up to hours and months.



Ali (r) said, "Prophet Muhammad (s) divided his time into three parts. One part was for worshipping Allah, another part was for himself and his family, and the last part was for common people."

Our Prophet (s), the sultan of hearts, always lived in an organized and scheduled way. He advised us to use our time wisely. He said:

"Make use of these five things before they disappear: make use of your youth before you grow old; make use of your health before you become sick; make use of your wealth before you become poor; make use of your free time before you become busy; and finally, make use of your life before death takes you."



## The Way to Achievement

Throughout history, the most successful people were those who always used time wisely. Every job takes time. Time should be set aside for every job that we have to do.

Generally, to fool around, to be lazy and to waste time is to have done something wrong. Not setting aside enough time to do a job properly is also doing something wrong.

To use time wisely, we must:

1. Make a plan and a schedule.
2. Carry out our schedule in the best way.
3. Don't be lazy in doing the work that we have to do.





The shortest route from this world to heaven is honesty. Honesty unites society. Lying gets in the way of friendship, love and respect between people.

Honesty **means** that you don't tell lies, that you always tell the truth, and that there is value in your words. We trust doctors; we put ourselves in their hands. We trust our friends; we share our troubles and our secrets with them.

Relations between people are built on trust. A family that trusts one another will be strong. Members of a community that trust one another will become a strong community. You couldn't get an honest person to do a bad deed even if you forced them.

An honest person would never blame someone else for their mistakes. For example, if an honest child broke a flowerpot while

