

The Holy Prophet (S) is my role model....

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The Holy Prophet (S) is my role model – Surah Ahzaab [33:21]

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

Certainly you have in the Messenger of Allah an excellent exemplar for him who hopes in Allah and the latter day and remembers Allah much.

This verse tells us that the Holy Prophet (s) is **أَسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ** - **an excellent exemplar and so** the best role model for us. This title has been used two times in the Qur'an concerning two great prophets: Prophet Ibrahim (A), and our Holy Prophet (S).

The Sunnah, (actions, words and silent approval of the Holy Prophet (S)) must be followed to the letter. It is as if we had a favourite shirt and we asked someone to make an exact copy and they made it different, we would be upset.

In the same way Allah sent the Holy Prophet (S) and told us to copy him and if we don't and we are different...

In order to make an exact copy we need to know him, but we know him very superficially and so follow him in a very ritualistic manner and thus our actions do not have the desired effect – we do not become better human beings/better Muslims

If we truly knew our Holy Prophet (S) and followed his example in our lives, then we would fully submit to Allah, the way he did and become the slave of Allah.

If we followed him in this way, then our actions would naturally have an effect on our soul and purify us and bring us closer to Allah and thus towards fulfilling our potential and reaching our perfection

This takes us back to the mission statement of the Holy Prophet (S): 'I have come only to perfect the distinction of your Akhlaq.' He didn't say I have come to teach you to pray, fast...

Whereas this is what most of us learn from him, the dos and don'ts, the Wajib and Haram.

Of course they are important but not because Allah needs our prayers/fasting, our worship but because we need it – for our soul – it is through following these rules, our soul is alive/healthy/closer to Allah and thus we are able to reach our potential, our perfection.

As we move closer to Allah to Perfection itself, automatically our Akhlaq would get better – if not then we need to question why these actions aren't having the desired effect on us. There are various reasons – the actions are:

- Not done at all
- Not done correctly – Fiqh wise or following our ego rather than Allah
- Not done for Allah – Niyyah wrong
- Not done with presence of heart – how can it affect us if we are not present

Practical steps:

- Let us as parents, role model following the Holy Prophet's (S) example in our lives.
- In order to follow the Holy Prophet's (S) example, we need to know him – maybe we can do a project, with our children on the Holy Prophet (S).
- We need to analyse whether we are really following the Holy Prophet (S) or are we just culturally/habitually doing things, by looking at my true Akhlaq

The Sunnah (actions, words and silent approval) of the Prophet (S) is a practical example for believers on how to lead life. An exemplary way to attain nobility and perfection on earth.

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