

The Nobility of Character of the Holy Prophet (S)

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Objective



The Nobility of Character of the Holy Prophet (S) - Surah Qalam [68:4]

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

And indeed you possess a great character

This verse is referring to the character of the Holy Prophet (S). The word 'Khulq' refers to the inner characteristics of the soul, compared to 'Khalq' which is in reference to the physical body. Both words have the same root letters: Kha-La-Qa although they refer to the two different dimensions of a human being:

Khalq	Khulq
the forms and creations that can be seen by the sight	the traits that can be perceived by insight
the creation of the body (1 st creation)	the creation of the character/soul (2 nd creation)
formed in the womb	formed in this world
Change difficult – as formed by DNA/genes	Change totally – as formed by actions/words/thoughts

So our khalq we don't have a choice over, as it is formed by DNA/Genes and thus can't really be changed but our Khulq is formed by nature, nurture and our beliefs and actions and can be changed totally. So how do we change our Khulq in order to make it great like the Holy Prophet's (S):

- Self realization/understand/Faith
- Practice and conscious effort – this maybe superficial and forced initially, but can become habit (part of us) if done for 40 days sincerely.

As we move on our spiritual path, closer to Allah, as our soul connects to Perfection itself, automatically our Khulq will move towards its potential/perfection given by Allah. Thus our Akhlaq (plural of Khulq) will be better as the pure light of Allah has an effect on our soul.

It is sometimes thought that Akhlaq is a private or personal quality, but it really comes into play when others are around us. It is very easy to have amazing Akhlaq when we are on our own on a mountain, as we are not being tested/pushed in any way by others.



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We need to remind ourselves that our Akhlaq should not be dictated by others but shown to others and in this way we can do Tabligh (Wajib on all to do) by showing to others the effect of fully submitting to the will of Allah and being a Muslim.

Practical steps:

- Let us as parents, role model following the Akhlaq of the Holy Prophet (S).
- In order to follow the Holy Prophet's (S) Akhlaq, we need to know Allah, to the best of our ability and build a relationship with Him and ensure our children also have a relationship with Him.
- We need to better our khulq, by consciously taking on something and doing it for 40 days so it becomes part of us, then taking on something else.

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