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# PROPHETS WAY OF GUIDING PEOPLE

Dear mumins!

Almighty Allah (swt), who has created all people, chose some messengers among them who could show us how to be happy in this world and hereafter. The prophets are the messengers of Allah (swt). That is why the prophet Adem (as), the first human being, was the first messenger of Allah (swt). After the prophet Adem (sa) many prophets were sent to this world as messengers, and the process was ended with Muhammed (pbuh). Prophets bring a clear message from Allah (swt). They tell us what our creator would like us to do in this world.. They give us clear examples of how to live our lives in this world. The Quran states that Allah (swt) had given permission to our Prophet (pbuh), so that he (pbuh) could give guidance on Islam to people. He (pbuh) could advise, invite, give warning and notify people. Allah (swt) states in the Quran that ‘ ‘ O you (Muhammad) enveloped in garments! Arise and warn! And magnify your Lord (Allah) and purify your garments’ ’ (1) Muhammed (pbuh) had shown that he could give guidance to promote Islam extremely well.

Muhammed (pbuh) could promote Islam by giving good and appropriate advice to people. He always used polite words when he was giving guidance. Allah (swt) had also ordered Prophet Musa (as) and Prophet Harun (as) to be kind to the king of Egypt. Our Prophet (pbuh) started promoting Islam among his close relatives first. He (pbuh) first imposed the orders (do' sand don' ts) on himself. He (pbuh) was once asked why he was still praying to Allah (swt) until his feet were swollen even though he was guaranteed to be in the paradise hereafter. He (pbuh) had answered them with a question “couldn' t I be a grateful servant to Allah (swt)?” Our



Prophet (pbuh) always had a strong belief, patience, and perseverance. He (pbuh) never had feelings of hopelessness or a pessimistic attitude. While he (pbuh) was giving guidance to people he (pbuh) always showed them respect, love, tolerance, forgiveness, and compassion, He (pbuh) had even forgiven Wahshi who killed Hamza (as) and dismembered Hamza' s (as) body. Muhammed (pbuh) never criticized people' s mistakes to shame them, but only pointed them out while not giving their names. Our Phophet (pbuh) had never forced others to accept Islam.

When possible he (pbuh) would always choose the easy way of doing things over the difficult way. He (pbuh) advised us “Simplify, do not complicate; give glad tidings, do not hate.” (2) Muhammed (pbuh) was always reliable and fair. He (pbuh) was never separated from the truth. He (pbuh) never used Islam to gain material benefits. In order for guided activities to be acceptable and beneficial; our Prophet' s (pbuh) way of doing things must be followed. It must be known to everyone that our Prophet' s (pbuh) method is the only way of doing things

1-Al-Muddaththir 1,2,3,4

2-Bukhari, Science 11, (1-25)