

Some More Ways of being Kind to Parents

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, strive hard to apply this advice in your life, and by Allah's Will, you will be one of those who are kind to their parents.

- Talk to your parents politely and [**say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them, but speak to them a gracious word**].
- Obey your parents as long as they do not disobey Allah, because a creature is not to be obeyed when that would involve disobedience to the Creator
- Be kind to your parents and never give them an angry look.
- Preserve their reputation, honor, and money and never take anything from them except with their consent.
- Try always to keep them happy by serving them and buying necessary things, even if they do not ask you.
- Consult them in your affairs and apologize to them if you feel that you have to disagree with them
- Answer their calls quickly, if they call you, with a cheerful smile.
- Honor their friends and relatives, but never befriend their enemies during their lives or after their death.
- Never argue with them and try always to explain to them their fault in a nice manner
- Never raise your voice in front of them, listen to them carefully when they are talking to you, and never annoy your brothers and sisters in respect for them.
- Help your mother at home, and your father when he needs you.

- Do not travel, unless they allow you to; however, if you feel obliged to travel, apologize to them and always keep in touch with them.
- Never enter their room without their consent, especially at bedtime.
- Serve their guests and always make sure that their needs are fulfilled.
- Do not take any food in front of them, and provide food and clothes for them.
- Never lie to them, nor blame them if they do something that you do not like
- Do not prefer your wife and children to them and seek their pleasure, because by pleasing them, you, in fact, please Allah (Subhanahu wa Ta'ala), and vice versa.
- Do not sit on a higher place than them, and never walk in front of them.
- Do not feel arrogant about being related to your father, even if you hold a high position in society, and be careful not to show ingratitude to them nor hurt their feelings.
- Always provide for your parents and look after them, because your children will treat you in the same way you have treated your parents.
- Visit your parents, bring them gifts, and thank them for the education that they gave you, and always take examples from your children, of how hard you have suffered to raise them.
- Treat your mother with the best companionship, then your father; because Paradise is under the mothers' feet.
- Never disobey your parents, nor make them angry, otherwise you will live a miserable life in this world and the Hereafter, and your children will treat you likewise.
- Ask your parents gently if you need something, always thank them if they give it to you, and excuse them if they do not. Never insist on a matter if they refuse to give you something.

- Help your parents if you are able to earn your living, because your father has a right over you and your money.
- Your parents, your wife, your children, and your brothers and sisters have rights over you, so you should give each one of them his/her due right, and show love and kindness to all of them.
- If your parents quarrel with your wife, you should be wise and inform your wife that you are at her side if she is right, but you are forced to please your parents.
- If you disagree with your parents about a marriage choice or divorce, you should always seek guidance from *Shari'ah* Law, because it is the best solution.
- Your parents' supplications (*Du'a*) are answered, so make sure that they wish you well and that they do not invoke Allah against you.
- Talk to people kindly, because if you insult them they will insult you too; the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam) said: "It is one of the greatest sins that a man should curse his parents." It was asked (by the people), "O Allah's Messenger! How does a man curse his parents?" The Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam) said, "The man abuses the father of another man, and the latter abuses the father of the former, and abuses his mother."
- Be kind to your parents during their lives and after their death, give charity on their behalf, and make *Du'a* for them saying, "My Lord, forgive me and my parents" and "My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was little".

In the end, I would like to draw your attention, brothers and sisters, to a very important matter; a proper Islamic education and upbringing of children, from an early age, has a major effect on their kindness towards their parents.

I ask Allah (Subhanahu wa Ta'ala) to guide all of us to be kind to our parents and make *Du'a* for them during their lives and after their death, and may the Peace and Blessing be upon our beloved Prophet, Muhammad (Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam), upon his Family and his Companions.