

Reward and virtues of respecting and honoring one's parents

Below, we have mentioned some ahadith which deal with the rewards and virtues of respecting, serving and honoring one's parents. Inshallah, by reading these ahadith we will feel encouraged and look forward to serve and honor our parents.

● Good Fortune and Long Life

Hadith #1: Anas ibn Malik and Mu'adh ibn Jabal (radhiAllanhu anhuma) narrate that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said, "**Glad tidings to the one who is good towards his parents. Allah Almighty will prolong his life.**" (*Abu Ya`la, Hakim, and Tabarani*)

● Ample Wealth

Hadith #2: Anas (radhiAllahu anhu) reports that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said, "**He who wishes to have a long life and a lot of wealth then he should be good to his parents and he should join the family ties.**" (Narrated by Ahmad)

● The Best of Actions

Hadith #3: Abdullah ibn Mas`ud (radhiAllanhu anhu) asked Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) as to which action is most beloved of all in Allah's sight. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) answered, "**Prayer at its appropriate time.**"

Then he asked, "Then which action?" Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) answered, "**Being dutiful and honoring your parents.**"

Then he asked, “Then which action?” Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) answered, “**Struggling and making effort in the path of Allah.**” (Bukhari and Muslim)

- **Your Children Will Respect You**

Hadith #4: Abu Hurayrah (radhiAllahu anhu) reports that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said: “**Be kind to your parents and your children will be kind to you.**” (Tabarani and Hakim)

- **Forgiveness of Sins**

Hadith #5: It has been narrated by Abdullah Ibn Umar (radhiAllahu anhuma) that a man came to Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) saying, “Oh Messenger of Allah! I have committed a very grave sin! Is there any way that Allah Ta`ala will forgive me?”

So Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) asked him, “**Is your mother alive?**” So the man answered, “No.”

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) then asked him, “**Do you have an aunt?**” So the man answered, “Yes.”

So he told him, “**Go and look after her in kindness.**” (Tirmizi)

- **The Pleasure of Allah**

Hadith #6:

Abdullah Ibn Umar (radhiAllahu anhuma) says that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said, “**The pleasure of Allah is in the pleasure of the parents.**” (Bazzar)

● Entrance Into Paradise

Hadith #7: Jaahimah (radhiAllahu anhu) came to the Prophet (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) asking him to permit him to go out in the path of Allah. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) asked him, **“Is your mother alive?”**

So Jaahimah answered, “Yes.”

So he told him, **“Go and serve her because paradise is at her feet.”**
(Hakim)

VIRTUES OF RESPECTING PARENTS IN A NUTSHELL

- 1.) The Pleasure of Allah
- 2.) The Best of Actions in Allah’s Sight
- 3.) Forgiveness of Sins
- 4.) Entrance Into Paradise
- 5.) Your Children Will Respect You
- 6.) Long Life
- 7.) Good Fortune
- 8.) Ample Wealth