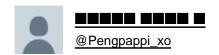
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60 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BEARERS & WOMEN OF QURAN

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- 1. The first matter that it befits her to employ is taqwa (fear) of Allah secretly and openly, by exercising caution (wara') with regards to the sources of his food, drink, dress and earnings.
- 2. She is perceptive about her time and the corruptions of its people, that she may beware of them regarding her religion.
- 3. She concentrates on her own situation, having the aspiration to reform whatever is corrupt in her affairs, guarding her tongue and choosing her words.
- 4. If she speaks,, she speaks with knowledge when she sees speech to be correct.
- 5. If she remains silent, she remains silent with knowledge when she sees silence to be correct.
- 6. She rarely delves into that which does not conern her.
- 7. She fears from her tongue things more severe than she fears from her enemy.
- 8. She imprisons her tongue the way she imprisons her enemy, so that she may be safe from its evil and bad consequences.
- 9. She rarely laughs at the matters at which people laugh, due to the bad consequences of laughter.
- 10. If she is pleased by something in accordance with the truth, she smiles.
- 11. She dislikes joking, fearing frivolity; if she jokes, she speaks the truth.
- 12. She is accommodating in countenance, pure in speech.
- 13. She does not allow herself to be praised for qualities she has, how then for qualities she does not have?

14. She is wary of her self, that it should overcome her for what it desires, of the things that will anger her Master.
15. She does not backbite anyone.
16. She does not look down upon anyone.
17. She does not abuse anyone.
18. She is not happy at the affliction of others.
19. She neither transgresses upon anyone, nor envies them.
20. She does not think the worst about anyone, except fo one who deserves it.
21. She loves with knowledge, and hates with knowledge.
22. She speaks about a person's faults only with knowledge, and remains silent about a persons's real nature with knowledge.
23. She made the Qur'an, Sunnah and Fiqh her guide to every good and beautiful quality, guarding all her limbs from what has been forbidden.
24. If she walks, she walks with knowledge.
25. If she sists, she sists with knowledge.
26. She strives hard so that people may be safe from her tongue and hands.
■ 27. She does not behave ignorantly: if someone behaves ignorantly towards her, she is forbearing.
28. She does not oppress: if she is oppressed, she forgives.
29. She does not trangress: if she is trangressed upon, she has patience.
30. She restrains her fury to please her Lord and enrage her enemy.
31. She is humble in herself: when the truth is presented to her, she accepts it, whether from one younger or older.
■ 32. She seeks status from Allah, not from the creatures.
33. She despises arrogance, fearing for her self from it.
■ 34. She is content with little, so it suffices her.
35. She follows the obligations of the Quran and the sunnah: ■ she eats food with knowledge

- she drinks with knowledge
- she dresses with knowledge
- she sleeps with knowledge
- she has union with her husband with knowledge
- she accompanies his brothers with knowledge
- visiting them with knowledge
- seeking permission to enter upon them with knowledge,
- greeting them with knowledge
- she treats her neighbour with knowledge
- 36. She imposes strictly upon herself the honouring of her parents:
- she lowers her wings to them
- she lowers her voice before their voices
- she expends her wealth for them
- she looks upon them with the eye of respect and mercy
- she prays for their longevity
- she is thankful for them in old age
- she is not irritated by them
- she does not look down upon them
- if they ask for her help in a matter of obedience, she helps them
- if they ask for her help in a matter of disobedience, she does not help them
- she is gentle with them in her disobedience of them
- she shows beautiful etiquette such that they may return from the ugly matter they intended that is does befit them to do.
- 37. She maintains family relation and despises breaking them.
- 38. If someone breaks off relations with her, she does not break off relations with them.
- 39. If someone disobeys Allah regarding her, she obeys Allah regarding them.
- 40. She accompanies the believers with knowledge, and sits with them with knowledge.
- 41. She benefits those who accompany her, being an excellent companion for those whom she sits with.
- 42. If she teaches another, she is gentle with them.
- 43. She is not harsh with the one who makes mistake, and does not embarrass them.
- 44. She is gentle in all her matters, extremely patient in teaching goodness.
- 45. The learner finds comfort in her, and the one sitting with her is joyous at her company.

46. Sitting with her brings goodness.
47. She educates her companions with the etiquettes of the Quran and the Sunnah.
48. If she is afflicted with a difficulty, the Qur'an and the Sunnah are two educators for her.
49. She grieves with knowledge.
50. She cries with knowledge.
51. She has patience with knowledge.
52. She purifies herself with knowledge.
53. She prays with knowledge.
54. She gives Zakah and charity with knowledge.
55. She fasts with knowledge.
56. She performs pilgrimage with knowledge.
57. She fights for justice with knowledge.
58. She earns with knowledge, and spends with knowledge.
59. She eases in matters with knowledge, and tightens in them with knowledge.
60. She looks through the pages of the Quran in order to teach himself manners.
I have highlighted the points I love! A long read but subhanAllah redirects us about how we should be leading our life.