

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ، يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ،
 أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا
 شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ،
 وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، إِمَامُ الْمُتَّقِينَ، وَسَيِّدُ الْأُولَى وَالْآخِرِينَ، فَاللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ
 إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Praise be to Allah, the Almighty, the All-Wise. I thank Him as is befitting to His Sovereign status and Majesty. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Him alone without any partners or peers. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things, Witness.

I also bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. He is the Imam of the Pious and Commander of the former and later peoples. May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon him, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِّنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا

“Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions.” (4:69)

- Good Friendship – Blessing from Allah
- Role: Closer – Aid – Protect – Truth – Reality – Good and Evil

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ مَعَ الْوَاحِدِ وَهُوَ مِنَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ أَبْعَدُ

Satan is with one, and he is further away from two. (Tirmidhi)

الْأَرْوَاحُ جُنُودٌ مُّجَنَّدَةٌ، فَمَا تَعَارَفَ مِنْهَا اتَّخَلَفَ، وَمَا تَنَافَرَ مِنْهَا اخْتَلَفَ

"Souls are like recruited troops: Those who are like qualities are inclined to each other, but those who have dissimilar qualities, differ."(Bukhari)

Pious - Pure - Pleasant Friend - التَّقِيَّ النَّقِيَّ الصَّفِيَّ

300 BCE: Aristotle, True friends seek what is good for the other, rather than being friends based on what they can each get out of the friendship.

400 BCE: Socrates, True friends cultivate positive interactions, and refuse to listen to those around him who merely wanted to spread gossip.

The Old Testament, “A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure.” (Book of Sirach, 6:14)

Eternal Message Allah ﷻ:

يَا وَيْلَتَى لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَتَّخِذْ فُلَانًا خَلِيلًا لَقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ الذِّكْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَنِي وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِلْإِنْسَانِ خَذُولًا

“O woe is me! Would that I had not taken such a one for a friend! Certainly he led me astray from the reminder after it had come to me.” (25:27-29)

BFF? ‘Best Friend Forever.’ Facebook? The Prophet ﷺ said: “**He who helps you remember God, and reminds you when you forget Him.**”

الرَّجُلُ عَلَى دِينِ خَلِيلِهِ، فَلْيَنْظُرْ أَحَدُكُمْ مَنْ يُخَالِلُ

“A man follows the religion of his friend; so each one should consider whom he makes his friend.” (Abu Dawud)

لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى يُحِبَّ لِأَخِيهِ مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ

“None amongst you believes (completely) till one loves for his brother that which he loves for himself.” (Muslim)

وَمَنْ كَانَ فِي حَاجَةِ أَخِيهِ كَانَ اللَّهُ فِي حَاجَتِهِ

“And whoever fulfilled the needs of his brother, Allah will fulfil his needs.” (Sahih al-Bukhari)

وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدَاةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَهُ وَلَا تَعْدُ عَيْنَاكَ عَنْهُمْ تُرِيدُ زِينَةَ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا تُطِعْ مَنْ أَغْفَلْنَا قَلْبَهُ عَن ذِكْرِنَا وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ وَكَانَ أَمْرُهُ فُرُطًا

“And keep yourself patient [by being] with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His countenance. And let not your eyes pass beyond them, desiring adornments of the worldly life, and do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his desire and whose affair is ever [in] neglect.” (18:28)

أَفَمَنْ كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا كَمَنْ كَانَ فَاسِقًا لَا يَسْتَوُونَ أَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ الْمَأْوَى نُزُلًا بِمَا
كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فَسَقُوا فَمَأْوَاهُمُ النَّارُ كُلَّمَا أَرَادُوا أَنْ يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا أُعِيدُوا فِيهَا وَقِيلَ لَهُمْ ذُوقُوا
عَذَابَ النَّارِ الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تُكَذِّبُونَ

“Then is one who was a believer like one who was defiantly disobedient? **They are not equal.** As for those who believed and did righteous deeds, for them will be the Gardens of Refuge as accommodation for what they used to do. But as for those who defiantly disobeyed, their refuge is the Fire. Every time they wish to emerge from it, they will be returned to it while it is said to them, "Taste the punishment of the Fire which you used to deny.“ (32:18-20)

- **Core Friendship Ingredients:**

مِّنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّدِيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا

- Iman – Goal – Message – Purpose
- Truthful – Honest – Steadfast
- Caring – Forgiving – Sincere

- **Social Media Friends:**

- **You Are What You Post** – The similitude of good company and that of bad company is that of the owner of musk and of the one blowing the bellows. Pleasant fragrance; burnt clothes and smell. (Muslim)
- **You're Judged by Your Closest Friend** – A man is upon the religion of his friend, so let one of you look at whom he befriends. (Tirmidhi)
- **It's Not Always Good to Share** – Love the one whom you love to a certain degree, perhaps one day he will be someone for whom you have hatred, and hate the one for whom you have hatred to a certain degree, perhaps one day he will be one whom you love. (Al-Tirmidhi)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true (9:119)