

# Etiquettes of Seeking Knowledge

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## \* *Etiquettes of Joining a Gathering:*

- The best of you are those who have the best manners and character.
- The best of you is he who learns the Qur'an and teaches others.
- When you arrive at a gatherings, give your Salaams if the class is not already in session.
- Try to keep company with people of good character.
- Take a seat wherever you find room. Don't look for a specific place that may dislodge someone or block their view.
- If there is a circle, don't sit in the middle.
- Sit as close to the front as possible because it makes it easier for the one coming after you.
- Don't try to separate two people who are sitting together.
- If you are in a group and someone comes late, open the circle and make room for them
- No two people should talk to each other in confidence while in a gathering.
- Seek the permission of the one who is leading the gathering before speaking.
- Let the person in charge be the person in charge.
- One person should speak at a time and give everyone a chance to participate.
- Do not bring up another issue until one topic is complete. Ask relevant questions.
- The chair person should pay attention to all members. Have volunteers and victims ;)

## \* *Mosque and Class Etiquettes:*

- Keep the mosque populated, as well as a place where the word of Allah is being mentioned. Attend regularly.
- Go to the mosque and to class with eagerness.
- During your break, make the intention that you are refreshing yourself to go back to the Qur'an.
- Keep the mosque and the classroom tidy. Check your area.
- Sit down in peace and avoid worldly talk, obnoxious behavior, excessive laughter, etc.
- Don't ban children completely, rather make a separate area for them. Better yet, teach them the etiquettes and take care of them.
- One should ask Allah for forgiveness after the gathering just in case anything said was incorrect. Make it your email signature.
- Subhanakallahumma wabihamdika ash-haduallailaha illa anta, astaghfiruka wa atubuilayk.
- Interact and participate with sincerity.
- Whoever enters knowledge alone, exits alone. They didn't get anything, no 'ilm.
- Ibn Al Mubarak: Good manners are almost 2/3 of knowledge.

## \* *Manners of the Student:*

- Not talking when the teachers is talking.
- Respect for the teacher, subject, neighbor, peers, yourself.
- Raise your hand.
- Sincerity.
- Do not have any jealousy or hatred.
- Do not have an attitude of pride and shyness because it will stop you from learning. Pride makes you think you know everything. Shyness makes you scared of asking questions.
- Leaving sins. Feel the importance of knowledge, realize its weight and sanctity. Give knowledge its due right.
- Study regularly. Find the best way to study.
- Help others learn.

## \* *Teacher/Student relationship:*

- Kind of like the doctor/patient relationship.
- Patient/student should listen to what they're being told.
- There must be trust.
- Bani Israel did not trust Musa (AS), don't be like them!
- Trust requires patience.
- Proper etiquette.
- Be patient with the faults of the teacher. No one is perfect.
- The reason you **must** show respect to your teacher in a gathering of knowledge is because they are talking about Allah and Rasulallah (Salallahu Alayhi Wasallam). Qur'an and Sunnah.

## \* *Manners with fellow students:*

- "A Muslim is the one from whose hands and tongue other Muslims are safe." [Tirmidhi]
- No fear of being hurt.
- Giving all peers their right.
- Love each other for the sake of Allah. You are all learning for the same reason.
- Always think good of them and help them in their studies.
- Make du'a for them. Whoever prays for his brother behind his back, an Angel will make the same du'a for him.

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