

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was given virtuous traits that made him the finest of examples: **His Fasting, Bravery in Battle and Charity**

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ
الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have a fine example to follow for whoever who hopes in the meeting with Allāh and the Last Day and remembers Allāh much.”

As for his fasting, then he would fast very often until it would be said, **“He will not stop fasting.”** Then he would cease fasting until it would be said, **“He will not fast [again].”** He was moderate and balanced in all affairs.

As for Jihād in the cause of Allāh, then he was the bravest and most courageous of all the people. He would stand at the head of the army such that the Companions would fear for his safety as he pierced deep into the enemy lines. ‘Ali Ibn Abī Tālib (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) narrated that in the heat of battle, the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was the most courageous, his eyes would

red with intensity and we would fear for his safety. He said: **“We were with Allāh’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) on the day of Badr and we saw that he was the closest of us to the enemy and he was the bravest of the people in battle on that day.”** (*Al-Musnad of Ahmad, 1/86,126, 156*).

As for charity, then he was the most generous of the people. He would not hoard the wealth that would come to him abundantly, whether it was from the spoils of war or gifts. He would always give to those in need so that when he died, he was in debt — he had left his armour as security with a Jew in exchange for 30 sāl (72 kg) of barley. He did not leave behind any wealth or property for anyone to inherit. The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) lived among his Companions as a poor person. He would always give away his wealth and possessions to those in need, the poor, and in Allāh’s cause. He would also give charity to the unbelievers to soften their hearts so that they may embrace Islam. He would never refuse the one who asked for help.

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