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## FROM THE ATTRIBUTES OF A GOOD WIFE

[The response to the question: How will a woman attain the pleasure and love of her Rabb in Marriage...?]

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## DEDICATION

This effort is especially dedicated to my beloved wife; *Ummul Khayr*, and generally to the entirety of the Muslim daughters and women who are in search of a concise answer to the question:

***“How will a woman attain the pleasure and love of her Rabb in Marriage...?”***

## TRANSLATOR'S OPENING

In the name of Allah, all praises and adorations belongs to Him, and the peace and blessings of Allah be upon His slave and messenger; Muhammad, and all his households and companions.

Taking to the guidance of the prophet in specifying women with admonition, and the scholars of Islam recognises this and considers it Mustahaab (encouraged and praiseworthy) to admonish women specifically and teach them the rulings of Islam, as was in the comment of Al-Haafidh Ibn Hajar (Fathul Baariy: 468/2) on the Hadith of Ibn Abbas reported by Al-Bukhaari: he said:

“Allah’s messenger came out then he observe the Solah (solaatul eid), then he gave a sermon and afterwards went to meet the women and amonished them, and gave them reminder and ordered them to give alms” – [Al-Bukhaari: 5249]

The Muslim woman is in need of being aware that the favour of Allah upon her with this religion is enormous, and that His guidance for her to the path of Islam is unquantifiable, therefore, she should recognise that her happiness, honour and elevation are all completely tied to this religion.

She should also know with certainty that the best, the complete, and the most just of rulings is that of Allah the Lord of the worlds, because only when a Muslim acknowledges this with certainty will he or she not be hesitant in accepting whatever rulings that come to them from Allah’s judgements.

And lastly she should also be aware that as a Muslim woman she have a lot of enemies in this life, enemies toiling day and night to overthrow her respect and hinder her path to dignity and success, and plunge her into humiliation and destruction. And they are devising every means within their capacity to achieve their sinister objectives.

Therefore, O fortunate sister; let your major and most important concern in this life be how you will be fortunate of honour with Allah, and be lucky to attain His pleasure.

In a effort to lighten this overwhelming responsibility, I have spared the time to abridge and translate this beneficial treatise into English so the majority of our women who do not understand Arabic will not miss out on the benefits therein.

It is indeed a scholarly work that serves a guide to the path and an illumination to the pitfalls in which most women fail, in the most crucial aspect of their journey to be honoured and attain the pleasure of their Lord:

And that aspect is in their relationship with their husbands, regarding whom the prophet had said:

*“be conscious of how you are with him! Because he is indeed your paradise and your hell”*

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## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

Indeed every adoration belongs to Allah, we praise Him, we seek His help, we ask Him for forgiveness and seek Him for repentance, we seek refuge with Allah from the evils of our souls and the misdeeds in our actions, whoever Allah guides cannot be led astray, and whoever He sends astray can never be guided.

I testify that no one is worthy of worship except Allah, He is One with no associates, I also testify that Muhammad ﷺ is his slave and Messenger, Allah's prayer and peace be upon him and his households and the entirety of his companions.

To proceed:

The subject of this treatise which is: (***Attributes of a Good Wife***) is not a speech or sermon intended for only the maiden on the verge of marriage, who is willing to know the features of a wife so she can adorn with it and adapt herself upon discharging and fulfilling and completing it.

Nor is it only intended for the married woman who loves the attributes of a good wife for herself, so she can imbibe it and acquire it in her life.

Just as it is not only intended for the faulting woman so she can cure her inadequacies, and for it to be a reminder for her in the aspects she is deficient so she may achieve her affair and her life as a honourable wife.

Rather, it is a sermon and an admonition that is universal for all these people mentioned above; it is a reminder for the father who desires for his daughters and those under his care a good subsistence and pleasant life, and to begin the matrimonial life in accordance with how Allah and His messenger ﷺ wants it.

It is also an admonition for the mother, she is a guardian in her home and she is answerable regarding her daughters, she is a model for them and majority of the daughters develop upon the kinds of characters and attributes that they acquire from their mothers.

It is as well an admonition for the preachers, for them to be concerned with this matter, and take it seriously and exert in spreading these honourable attributes and praiseworthy characters and this blessed time, so the attributes can become adhered to by the daughters and women of the community of belief and the lands of the believers.

Especially now that we live in a time where the woman has been overwhelmed with an invasion which has prevented anything from reaching her through any means from the previous history, be it from the numerous publications, or the countless sites and various channels whose sole goal is to topple the modesty of the woman and her honour and integrity, and her jewelries, adornments and her Eemaan, and her character and virtues.

Verily, for the earlier woman, it used to be difficult for her to be approached by corrupt propaganda, prejudiced caprices, and decadent views, except through really narrow channels, it is either that she has a bad friend or something similar, who then conveys to her some of the defective blemishes.

However, today, the entirety or the world's filthiness, depravity and corruption all gets conveyed to the woman while she remains in the depth of her dwelling without leaving her house.

Indeed the woman will be seated in her room in front of a screen, or via the internet, or via some contemptible magazines, and every evil and corruption will creep up her intellect, her reasoning, and her mind.

Therefore, for her to be virtuous (good and pious), chaste, devout, and obedient to Allah -the exalted and most high-, she is in need of barricading herself away from the openings of vility, the pathways of evil, and doorways to corruption.

And she is as well most answerable regarding the affair that Allah has entrusted her with, and it is a big affair demanding great concern and intensive attention.

Moving forward:

These are speeches regarding the attributes of a good wife, I beseech Allah the Most benevolent, the Lord of the majestic throne, to write goodness and benefits into it, and make it a key to goodness and a lock for evil, and to put into it guidance for the hearts, rectification for the souls, and connector to the Lord of the world, so His pleasure can be attained and His love accomplished -The sublime and most high-, and removal from what annoys and angers Him -The mighty and supreme-; and I say this -seeking Allah's help-.

## THE PRINCIPLES FOR ATTAINING GOODNESS

In the course of our discussion about the attributes of a good wife and about goodness, it is essential not to forget the essential principles of this subject.

### THE FIRST PRINCIPLE:

There is a great principle in this subject and it is the basis of this subject and the foundations to attain, reap and accomplish goodness; and that is:

***Goodness is not attained except by two things:***

- (1) ***The Harmonization of Allah -the supreme and most high-, His guidance, His aid, His facilitation and His precision; because the Guide is Allah and He alone harmonize, and the affairs are in His hands -the supreme and most high-, Allah the exalted said:***

مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا

*“He whom Allah guides, is rightly guided; but he whom He sends astray, for him you will find no Wali (guiding friend) to lead him (to the right Path)” - [Surah Al-Kahf: 17]*

He again said:

وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُوا إِلَىٰ دَارِ السَّلَامِ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

*“Allah calls to the home of peace (i.e. Paradise) and guides whom He wills to a Straight Path.” - [Surah Yunus: 25]*

Whatever He wills comes to pass and whatever He wills not will not be, And there is no power or might except by Allah the Most High, the All-Mighty.

**(2) *The Effort of Man, his Sacrifice, his Strive, and his Ability at Attaining Goodness, and in Seeking after it, And in Walking The Path of it's Causes and Means.***

And the prophet ﷺ has combined this two affairs in his statement, in an authentic hadith:

*“Be avaricious upon what will benefit you, and seek Allahs’ help” –*  
[Muslim: 2664]

THE SECOND PRINCIPLE:

***The Fountain of Goodness and The Basis of Understanding it and The Manner of Acquaintance with it and The Guidance to it is The Book of Allah and The Sunnah of His Prophet ﷺ.***

It is obligatory and binding upon everyone who reminds about goodness and rectification, calling to it, to depend completely upon the book of Allah -the mighty and sublime- and the Sunnah of His noble messenger ﷺ in doing that.

As for the Qur'an Allah -the most high- had said:

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ

*“Verily, this Quran guides to that which is most just and right” - [Surah Al-Isra': 9]*

And as for the Sunnah and the guidance of the noble prophet ﷺ,

He said: *“I have left two things among you, you will never go astray after them: The book of Allah and my tradition” – [Al-Haakim: 172/1, Sahih Al-Jaami': 2937]*

Therefore our topic is thus; **“The attributes of a good wife in the light of the Qur'an and Sunnah”**, and every attribute that is intended in this dialogue will be brought with its corresponding evidence, connected to its source from the Qur'an or the Sunnah of the messenger of Allah ﷺ

#### THE THIRD PRINCIPLE:

It is the foundation upon which all obedience has been built, and upon which the entirety of virtues and integrity stands, behold, and that is:

***Adequate fear of Allah the exalted***; it is the foundation of virtues, the spring of goodness, and the backbone of prosperity in this world and the hereafter, it is incumbent upon the Muslim woman to be aware that her adherence to the etiquettes of the Sharee'ah and assuming these lofty attributes are from the means of devotion by which the pleasure of Allah is attained, and by which His reward and recompense is gotten.

And by your inadequacies in it you miss out on some of that in accordance to what you are deficient in amongst these attributes.

## THE ATTRIBUTES AND THEIR PROOFS

[1]

***What has been mentioned in surah An-Nisaa' as the attributes of a good wife:***

فَالصَّالِحَاتُ قَانِتَاتٌ حَافِظَاتٌ لِّلْغَيْبِ بِمَا حَفِظَ اللَّهُ

***"Therefore, righteous women are devoutly obedient, and guard in the husbands absence that which Allah ordered them to guard." - [Surah An-Nisaa': 34]***

The first attribute from the verse has to do with her relationship with her Lord –

***Al-Qaanitaat:*** The woman who is devoutly obedient to Allah, who is serious about the obligations of Islam and not heedless or negligent with the necessities of the religion.

Indeed the foundation of the righteousness of a woman is her uprightness towards her Lord, by perfecting her obedience to Him, and perfecting her closeness to Him, and her diligence upon His worship. For surely this uprightness and steadfastness are the secret of her happiness, the secret of her victory, and the secret of her success in every aspects of her life, which includes her life as a wife, and the uprightness of her children and progenies, and for her to live a blessed and pleasant life.

The second attribute has to do with her relationship with her husband –

***Haafizhaat lilghayb bimaa hafizhaLlahu:*** That is; the woman who is preserving of her husband's right in his absence and when he is present, guarding his wealth and his bed, and preserving his rights and his commands.

Some ahadith has been reported with this meaning, and from them is what Al-Imam Ahmad has narrated from the hadith of Abdurrahman ibn Awf, the prophet ﷺ said:

*"If a woman observes her five (5) daily obligatory solah, and fasts her compulsory month (Ramadaan), and preserve her private part (from adultery), and obeys her husband, she will be told (on the day of resurrection): "Enter Al-Jannah through whichever door you desire!" - [Musnad Ahmad: 1661]*

Congratulations to the Muslim woman for this bountiful promise and abundance favour which Allah -subhaanahu wa ta'aala- has promised her, four (4) actions that can be counted on the fingers of a single hand, four actions that if she preserves them, she will be told on yaumul qiyaamah: *"Enter Al-Jannah through whichever door you desire!"*

The woman should preserve herself, and avoid all causals of removal of blessings from marriage right from its inception.

Guarding her private part is something expected of her, and her guardian should block off all openings and mediums that could lead to her corruption and bring about evil, which then degenerates into various contraventions from her, and Allah's refuge is sought.

This is a huge demand which is incumbent upon any woman who desires goodness for herself to groom herself upon; to be preserving of her obedience to Allah and His worship, and seeking nearness to Him -subhaanahu wa ta'aala- with that which pleases Him among appropriate speeches and good deeds, and when Allah bestows her with a gracious match and fitting spouse, upon her is to fear Allah regarding him from the inception of marriage and from its' start.

And this makes it necessary to call attention to an affair in which there is prevalent errors and plenty flaws, behold the affair is: **The extravagance and haughtiness which occurs on the day of marriage and in the expenses on marriage**, and this is an affair with extreme danger and great harm.

Whenever majority of the women are set for marriage she is controlled by her enthusiasm for fashion and directed by her concerns for the dilemmas of the women of her kind and peers; *one woman did, and they did this and that at the wedding of so and so woman*, her turning towards glimpses of this kind then causes her to be extravagant and fall into arrogance, and be excessively wasteful and profligate with money, coupled with what she has already fell into in offenses and proscriptions.

And this beginning and preface to the marriage will be the cause of lack of blessing and rarity of goodness (in that marriage).

This is contrary to when the woman distances herself from all that, and her family distance themselves from it too, and leave off extravagance and steer clear off contraventions and sins, and the expenses (on marriage) is with no discomfort or extravagance or wastefulness, surely these are the women who have ascertained goodness and made blessings incumbent upon themselves.

For this, it has been mentioned in an authentic Hadith reported from the prophet ﷺ from the reports of Uqbah bin 'Aamir -Allah be pleased with him- who said:

*"The best marriage is the simplest"*, - [Sunan Abee Daawuud: 2117]

and in another report:

*"The most blessed women are the easiest of them to fend for"* - [Musnad Ahmad: 25120].

This makes it obligatory upon the woman and her father and mother to set their focus on simple wedding and easy marriage preparations that is not difficult, and set their focus on humility and not arrogance and haughtiness, and on leniency and tolerance void of wastefulness and pride.

And this is an affair with its' bearings on the entirety of the marital life, negatively and pleasantly.

And whenever there is ease, simplicity and distancing from extravagance, then that is from the invitations to the advent of blessings and the succession of goodness.

And whenever it is commenced with extravagance, wastefulness, contraventions, and all sorts of sins, then that is from the greatest causal of the removal of blessings (from the marriage) and Allah's refuge is sought.

[2]

Also from the attributes of a good wife is – ***Being wary of Shaytaan the accursed:*** for surely the goal of Shaytaan in this life is destruction.

Therefore a good wife should understand this subject and be aware of this reality, as well as her husband, both of them should know that there is a hidden enemy who sees you while you do not, and flows through you like the flow of blood in the veins, prompting, whispering, plotting, and crafting, etc... and you see him not while he schemes all these. He whispers into both your minds and kindle the fire of doubt until there is animosity, and he has so many openings -wa iyyazubillahi-

Ponder over this Hadith with me; Jaabir ibn Abdullah reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said:

*"Iblis places his throne upon water; he then sends out detachments (for creating dissension); the nearest to him in rank are those who are most notorious in creating dissension. One of them comes and says: "I did so and so." And he says: "You have done nothing." Then one amongst them comes and says: "I did not spare so and so until I sowed the seed of discord between a husband and a wife." Then Shaytaan goes near him and says: "You have done well." A'mash said: He then embraces him. - [Sahih Muslim: 2813]*

Therefore, from the features of a good wife is being cautious of the plot of Shaytaan and his thrusts, his whisperings, and the promotings he puts in the mind which are systematically laid out to pay attention and listen to him in the destruction of the family and the collapse of the matrimonial home.

[3]

Also from the features of a good wife is that: ***She gladdens her husband whenever he looks at her***, with her countenance, her appearance, her composure, and her dress, and she willingly accustoms herself to following him and obeying his commands without disdain, pride or haughtiness.

She should contemplate the following hadeeth of the prophet ﷺ, the Hadith is reported in "Sunan An-Nasaaiy" from the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah -Allah be pleased with him- he said:

*"The Messenger of Allah was asked; "which is the good woman?" He responded: "The one who gladdens her husband whenever he looks at her, and obeys him whenever he commands her, and who doesn't contravene him regarding herself or her wealth with anything that displease him." – [An-Nasaaiy:*

This is her description in terms of her appearance, countenance, and composure in his presence and whenever he is around, and also her description in terms of

giving his commands, his demands and his needs utmost attention and importance.

[4]

Also from the attributes of a good wife is what has been mentioned in the hadith reported by Abu Hudhaynah As-Sodafiy, the messenger of Allah said:

***"The best of your women are those who are affectionate, prolific, well mannered, comforting, when fearful of Allah, and the worst of your women are the exhibitionists, self-aggrandized women, they are the hypocrite women, none of them will enter Al-Jannah except as Al-Ghuraab Al-A'asaam"*** - [Al-Bayhaqiy: 82/7 As-Saheehah: 1849]

Now let's take a look at the attributes mentioned in the hadith:

***Al-Waduud:*** this is a lofty attribute and praiseworthy character in a good woman and blessed wife, it is the quality of a woman with love and excellent endearment, and the most deserving of that is the husband, it is to perfect her affection for him and win over his senses and emotions with her charming words and delightful expressions, and also perfect her love for him in her dealings with him, and in her countenance and appearance.

***Al-Waluud:*** that is; a prolific child bearer, and it is a praiseworthy attribute in a woman and from the best of women. But when a woman is tried with a defect or sickness, then that doesn't damnify her; because that is not something due to her inadequacy or something she made effort to default in. Allah will not count that against her and it will not cause her any harm, nor does it negate her goodness.

But if she is able to bear children but hinders them and blocks off giving birth and made effort to block it, then that will have a consequential harm on her.

***Al-Muwaatiyah:*** the woman who is not rude or uncouth, rather she is well mannered, attentive, obedient, responsive, and not disdainful or prideful, and she is not domineering over the husband, nor does she angers or belittle him.

***Al-Muwaasiyah:*** the woman who comforts her husband and stays by his side and be his helper in goodness and in obeying Allah, and in things that brings about happiness and success.

All the above attributes will only benefit the woman if she is fearful of Allah.

He also said: *"and the worst of your women are..."*

***Al-Mutabarijaat:*** the woman who displays her adornments and goes out showing her jeweleries, she goes out fashionably, beautified, perfumed, bejewelled and adorned, so she can be the dignity of Shaytaan and his objective in corrupting the society.

Any exhibitionist woman who goes out in this description has in reality gone out as one of the soldiers of Iblis and his associate in destruction.

***Al-Mutakhayalaat:*** this is from *Al-khuyalaa*, and it is self-aggrandization, there is correlation between *at-tabaruj* and *al-khuyalaa*: if a woman exhibits herself, she adorns herself, perfumes herself and beautify herself, then does she go out to the street or the market in the image of a submissive person humbling herself to Allah the exalted, or she rather goes out arrogantly, haughtily and disdainfully with pride and self-conceit in herself, her appearance and her looks?!

And that is the correlation between *At-Tabaruj* and *Al-Khuyalaa*, just as there is correlation between *Al-Hishmah* (modesty) and *Al-Hayaa* (bashfulness).

He also said: *"none of them will enter Al-Jannah except as Al-Ghuraab Al-A'asaam"*

***Al-Ghuraab Al-A'asaam:*** is the crow with few white spots on it's wings and legs. And how often do one come across this kind of crow amidst the completely black crows? On the rarest occasions.

Therefore, there is a metaphor in that statement for the fewness of those who will enter paradise among those women.

[5]

Also from the attributes of a good wife is ***not falling short in the rights of her husband, and sacrificing strength and effort to serve him:***

Let us ponder over this narration by An-Nasaaiy in Sunan Al-kubraa, reported by Hussein bin Mihsan from one of his aunts who went to meet Allah's Messenger ﷺ for a need, and after the need has been fulfilled, he said to her:

*“Are you married”, she replied; “yes”, he then asked; “and how are you with him?”, she said; “I do not fall short in his rights except in things I’m incapable of”, he then told her; “be conscious of how you are with him! Because he is indeed your paradise and your hell” – [Sunan Al-kubraa: 8913, As-Saheehah: 2612]*

And when will the husband be paradise for his wife, and when will he be her hell? At this point a woman must be aware of this reality, she should be conscious of this great affair: ***“how are you with him?”***, you have an obligation while you remain a slave of Allah and there exist paradise and hell. Allah the mighty and sublime has commanded you and made binding upon you the fulfilment of this duty towards your husband, perform it and discharge it perfectly and completely in obedience to Allah and in search of his pleasure.

[6]

And from the attributes of a good wife is ***not to overburden her husband with expenses, and for the equipments and utensils in the home not to be for pride, extravagance and wasting the husband's money, rather she should be moderate:***

As Allah the exalted has said:

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَنْفَقُوا لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا

*"And those, who, when they spend, are neither extravagant nor niggardly, but hold a medium (way) between those (extremes)." - [Surah Al-Furqan: 67]*

We will consider this Hadith reported by Abu Sa'eed or Jaabir on this subject, the prophet ﷺ gave a long sermon and mentioned in it the affair of this world and that of the hereafter, and he mentioned that:

*"The first thing that destroyed the people of Israel was that the wives of the poor would overburden him with expenses on the kinds of clothes or dyes, -or he said 'fashion' that the wife of the rich would burden her husband with". - [Ibn Khuzaymah (At-Tawheed: 487), As-Saheehah: 591]*

So the first thing that caused the destruction of the people of Israel was that the wife of the poor would overburden her husband with fashion, jewelry, and adornments similar to what the wife of the rich would ask of her husband.

[7]

Also from the attributes of a good wife is ***being grateful to the benefactor***, that is; she would not deny the favour which Allah —the blessed and most High— has made possible for her through her husband; and it has been reported in a Hadith on the authority of Abu Hurayrah that the prophet ﷺ said:

*“He cannot be grateful to Allah, the one who is ungrateful to people” – [Musnad Ahmad: 7939], As-Saheehah: 416]*

And from what has been reported regarding this subject is what has been mentioned by Al-Bukhaari in 'Al-Adab Al-Mufrad', from the Hadith of Asmaa' the daughter of Yazid Al-Ansaariy, where she said:

*“The prophet passed by me while I was in proximity with my peers, then he gave us tasleem and said: “O you women be careful of being ungrateful to your benefactors”, then I asked him, O messenger of Allah, “what does being ungrateful to the benefactor imply?” he said: “perhaps one of you would have tarried long in her parents' house, then Allah would eventually bless her with a husband and bless her with a child from that husband, and then she gets angry one time; and she denies saying: “I have never enjoyed any goodness from you!””*  
– [Al-Adabul Mufrad: 1048, As-Saheehah: 823]

And another report has come in Sunan Al-kubraa of An-Nasaaiy, on the authority of Abdullah ibn Amr who said:

*“Allah’s messenger ﷺ said: “Allah will not look at a woman who is not grateful to her husband, although she cannot do without him” – [An-Nasaaiy (Sunan Al-kubraa: 9135), As-Saheehah: 289]*

[8]

And from the features of a good wife is **Respecting the husband and knowing his worth and right**; and several ahaadith has been reported on this, from them is what was reported by At-Tabraaniy in 'Al-Mu'jamul Kabeer', from Ibn Abbaas:

*The messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “I do not command anyone to prostrate for anybody, but if I were to command anyone to prostrate for anybody, I would have ordered the wife to prostrate for her husband” – [Al-Mu'jamul Kubraa: 356/11, As-Saheehah:3490]*

Again in Al-Mu'jamul Kubraa, Zayd Ibn Arqam reported that Mu'aadh said:

*“O messenger of Allah, do you see the people of the scriptures prostrating for their prelates and bishops, shouldn't we prostrate for you? He responded: “If I were to command anyone to prostrate for anybody, I would order the wife to prostrate for her husband, and a woman can never completely fulfil the right of her husband, even if he requested for her while she is on a saddle in labour, she will offer herself!” – [Al-Mu'jamul Kubraa: 218/5, As-Saheehah:3366]*

That is; if she recognizes the extent of the rights of her husband on her, she will not hesitate to offer herself to him if he requests to be with her, even when she is in labour for childbirth! And by doing that she still wouldn't have completely fulfilled his right!

And the right of the husband is even multiplied if he is a man from among the people of righteousness, piety, and devoutness, who preserves Allah's worship and maintain His obedience.

(For such a husband), At-Tirmidhiy and Ibn Majah has reported on the authority of Mu'aadh Ibn Jabal —Allah be pleased with him—, he said; Allah's messenger ﷺ said:

*“A woman will not annoy or hurt her husband in this world except that his wife among the bright eyed maidens of paradise would say: “do not hurt him, may Allah destroy you! He is only with you as a stranger about to desert you to come to us” – [Sunan At-Tirmidhiy: 1174, As-Saheehah: 173]*

The scholars had said; indeed there is a severe warning for women who annoys and hurt their husbands in this Hadith.

[9]

Another feature of a good wife is that; ***Whenever Allah blesses her and honours her with children, she is just among them***, as the messenger of Allah ﷺ had commanded in the Hadith of Nu'maan bin Basheer:

*“Act justly among your children, act justly among your children!”* – [Sunan Abee Daawud: 3544, As-Saheehah: 1240]

And other ahaadith has been reported with the same meaning.

[10]

Another attribute of a good wife is ***Staying put in her house and not being an excessive outgoer, and whenever she goes out, she only do so for a pressing need, and she does not go out as an unveiled exhibitionist, she goes out lowering her gaze and guarding her private part.***

And some texts has mentioned all these in meaning, and from what we can mention of them is the report of At-Tabraaniy in 'Al-Awsaat', from Saalim ibn Abdullah ibn Umar from his father, from Allah's messenger ﷺ who said:

*“A woman is “awrah” (nude and needing to be covered), and whenever she goes out, Shaytaan beautifies her —that is; he makes her his objective for destruction—, and she is not closer to Allah at anytime more than when she is in the deepest section of her room”* – [At-Tabraaniy (Al-Awsaat: 2890), As-Saheehah: 2688]

And lastly, from the attributes of a good wife is ***Not revealing the secrets of the husband and the affairs that are private between spouses***, not even if separation occurs between them and harmony could not be restored! It is upon each of them to fear Allah —the mighty and sublime— in this affair.

Regarding this is what was reported by Imam Ahmad from the Hadith of Asmaa' bint Yazid, she was with the Allah's messenger ﷺ and there were men and women seated around him, then he said:

*“Perhaps a man (amongst you) speaks of what he does with his wife, and maybe a woman (amongst you) talk about what she does with her husband”, and the people were quiet; then I said: “By Allah this is true O messenger of Allah, the women used to say and the men used to do”, he then said: “Do not do that; for indeed that is similar to when a male demon meets a female demon on the street and then copulates with her while the people watch them!”.* – [Musnad Ahmad: 2790, As-Saheehah:2688]

And her statement that *“the women used to say and the men used to do”*, starting with the women in the mention of this practice; is because it is prevalent with the women and rare with men, a woman will have discussions with her friends, her colleagues and her companions over this kinds of private affairs, and majority of them do not care to reveal to them the secrets of the husband and his private matters.

## CONCLUSION

These are some of the attributes of a good wife that I have compiled from the book of Allah and from the Sunnah of His messenger —Allah raise his rank and grant him peace—, in hope from Ar-Rabb —the sublime— to makes it beneficial for whoever He wills amongst His slaves, and Him alone is the custodian of Success.

I beseech Allah to make righteous the Muslim women and their daughters, and to guide them upon the right path, and turn them back to Him graciously, and protect them from all tribulations, both apparent and hidden, and to harmonize us all with every goodness that is beloved and pleasing to Him, He indeed —The most blessed and most high— hears all prayers, and in Him we place our expectations, He is sufficient for us and Most Trusted.

And our last call is; all praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds, and we beseech Allah's prayer, peace, blessings and His favour upon His slave, messenger and favourite; Muhammad Ibn Abdullah, Allah's prayer and peace be upon him and his households and the entirety of his companions.