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Subject: Social manners in Islam – “Manners of visiting”

The main points of the speech are:

- Before we visit someone, we have to seek permission first then we should greet them before entering. Allah said *[O you who believe! Enter not houses other than your own, until you have asked permission and greeted those in them; that is better for you, in order that you may remember]* 024.027
- If the host has other guests visiting you should not sit between two of them unless you ask for permission.
- If there are only three guests, you should not talk secretly (or in other language) to one without including the other on the conversation. Allah said *[Secret counsel is only from Satan, in order that he may cause grief to the believers]* 058.010. The Prophet Mohammed (p.b.u.h.) emphasized this in an authentic hadeeth [Where there are three of you in a company, two should not hold confidential talks together unless the number increases lest the third person might feel annoyed] Narrated by Bukhari&Muslim.
- Men and women should not mix during visits. Allah said *[Tell the believing men to lower their gaze]* 024.030. and *[Tell the believing women to lower their gaze]* 024.031. Allah said addressing the companion of the Prophet *[And when you ask (the prophet's) wives for anything you want, ask them from behind a screen: that is purer for your hearts and for their hearts.]* 033.053
- One should not be upset if the circumstances of your host do not allow him to accept the visit. Allah said *[If you are asked to go back, then go back, for it is purer for you and Allah is All-Knower of what you do]* 024.028
- During the visit one should try to remind other of some Islamic teaching or beneficial discussion. The Prophet Mohammed (p.b.u.h.) said: [A gathering in which there is no mention of Allah, the Exalted, nor any invoking of blessing for their prophet, will be afflicted with remorse. If Allah wills he might punish them and if he wills might forgive them]. Narrated by Ahmed and Al-Tirmidhi
- Allah will ask us about how we spent our time, therefore when we visit each others we should not waste time with vain talk. Such as backbiting, tale bearing and spreading rumors.
- At the end of each visit, we are recommended to say prayer (Du'a) which our Prophet Mohammed (p.b.u.h.) taught us to say at the end of our visit [If a person joins a company in which fruitless talking takes place and if that person before leaving the gathering prays; (O Allah Exalted are you, and all praise is to you: I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but you. I ask for your forgiveness and turn to you) such a person is forgiven for his participation in such a company.] Narrated by Al-Tirmidhi

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