

One's character is put to the greatest test when one interacts with three categories of people:



1. One's spouse.
2. Children: Either one's own children or children in one's care, such as one's pupils etc.
3. Employees: Domestic servants etc.

One is always interacting with these people. Hence one's patience, kindness, calmness and tolerance levels will be best known to them. It is very easy to smile or to share sweet words with a friend or a family member who one meets occasionally. The test of good character is to maintain the smile and sweetness with our husband, children and servants. Sometimes a person behaves in a very abrupt and abusive manner, when suddenly there is a phone call from a close friend. In a split moment one's entire tone and language changes, to such an extent that those around one wonder if it was the same person who was angry and screaming a few moments ago. Let us better ourselves by sharing our good character with those that are close to us and always around us. LET US SPEAK AND NOT DEMAND.

Once a Sahaabi (radiyallahu anhu) asked Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam): "Inform me of such an action which will necessitate Jannah for me?" Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) replied: "The actions which necessitate Jannah are: Feeding people, making Salaam common and speaking kindly to others (At-Targheeb wat-Tarheeb, vol. 3 pg. 423)."