



الفروق النفسية بين صفات النفس الطيبة والخبيثة  
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# True Feelings

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الشجاعة والجرأة  
Courage and Daring

Both courage and daring seem similar, like bravery, someone speaking out, looking firm. But the truth and feelings are within the person. You must look into yourself and recognize the feeling.

Courage is something within you, which tells you to do something you know you should do, even though it is very difficult, and not pleasant. But you must work on it, it is like a contract, because it is your responsibility. It is a fear and firmness in the heart. It is when a heart is settles.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَرِّصْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَى الْقِتَالِ إِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ عِشْرُونَ صَابِرُونَ يَغْلِبُوا مِائَتِينَ وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ مِائَةٌ يَغْلِبُوا أَلْفًا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ

O Prophet, urge the believers to battle. If there are among you twenty [who are] steadfast, they will overcome two hundred. And if there are among you one hundred [who are] steadfast, they will overcome a thousand of those who have disbelieved because they are a people who do not understand

سورة الأنفال  
8:65

Courage generates two feelings, patience, and thinking good of Allah, that He will not leave you. When you have patience, you will get victory. When you have good thoughts about Allah, He will never disappoint you.

Courage when facing the enemy is to be brave, and to face them. No one wants to face the enemy, unless it is absolutely necessary. This is needed even to overcome yourself. Don't show any weakness in front of the enemy.

Allah tells the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم to encourage the believers to fight, and not be afraid. Motivate them, and give them determination, by mentioning the patience.

وَلَمَّا بَرَزُوا لِجَالُوتَ وَجُنُودِهِ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

And when they went forth to [face] Goliath and his soldiers, they said : Our Lord, pour upon us patience and plant firmly our feet and give us victory over the disbelieving people

سورة البقرة  
2:250

When Jalut and his army appeared, the believers were so afraid. But they made du'a to Allah for firmness, and Allah showered them with firmness.

Bravery can also be when facing a leader. When the hudhud was delayed, he stated his reasons to Sulayman عليه السلام, whose army he belonged to, using words which

would grab the attention of his leader.

The Sahabah took a pledge at the hand of the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, that they would hear and obey him in times of

الشجاعة الإقدام على مكاره، والمهالك عند الحاجة الى ذلك، وثبات عند المخاوف.

وهو خلق يتولد من الشجاعة من القلب، وهي ثباته واستقراره عند المخاوف، الصبر وحسن الظن فإنه متى ظن الظفر وساعدة الصبر ثبت كما أن الجبن يتولد من السوء الظن وعدم الصبر. فلا يظن الظفر ولا يساعده الصبر.

الشجاعة المحموده مجاهدة الإنسان نفسه ، أو غيره ، وكل واحد منهما ضربان. مجاهدة النفس بالقول : ذلك بالتعلم ، وبالفعل، وذلك بقمع الشهوة ، وتهذيب الحمية. ومجاهدة الغير بالقول : وذلك تزيين الحق وتعليمهم وبالفعل : وذلك مدافعة الباطل ومتعاطية بالحرب. الجرأة قلة المبالاة وعدم النظر في العاقبة. وتقدم النفس في غير موضع الإقدام معرضة عن ملاحظة العارض.

وَمَنْ يُوَلِّهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ دُبُرَهُ إِلَّا مُتَحَرِّفًا لِّقِتَالٍ أَوْ مُتَحَيِّزًا إِلَى فِتْنَةٍ فَقَدْ بَاءَ بِغَضَبٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَمَأْوَاهُ جَهَنَّمُ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ

And whoever turns his back to them on such a day, unless swerving [as a strategy] for war or joining [another] company, has certainly returned with anger [upon him] from Allah , and his refuge is Hell - and wretched is the destination

سورة الأنفال  
8:16

إِنِّي وَجَدْتُ امْرَأَةً تَمْلِكُهُمْ وَأُوتِيَتْ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَلَهَا عَرْشٌ عَظِيمٌ

Indeed, I found [there] a woman ruling them, and she has been given of all things, and she has a great throne

سورة النمل  
27:23

Ubadah bin As-Samit رضي الله عنه reported:  
 بايعنا رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم على السمع والطاعة في العسر واليسر والمنشط والمكره، وعلى أثرة علينا، وعلى أن لا ننازع الأمر أهله إلا أن تروا كفراً بواحاً عندكم من الله تعالى فيه برهان، وعلى أن نقول بالحق أينما كنا لا نخاف في الله لومة لائم

**We swore allegiance to Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم to hear and obey; in time of difficulty and in prosperity, in hardship and in ease, to endure being discriminated against and not to dispute about rule with those in power, except in case of evident infidelity regarding which there is a proof from Allah. We swore allegiance to Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم to say what was right wherever we were, and not to fear from anyone's reproach.**  
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ease and difficulty, would speak the truth wherever they were, and would not be afraid of being blamed by the blamers.

You must be brave to face yourself. This needs knowledge and action, to overcome your desires. Speak the truth by beautifying it, and fight the falsehood.

Daring and bravado - الجرأة, is to go foolishly, not being careful, and putting yourself into danger. This is when a person does not look at the consequences, it is carelessness.

Iblees was an example of daring. He exceeded his boundaries, and accused Allah of misguiding him.

قَالَ فَبِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأَقْعُدَنَّ لَهُمْ صِرَاطَكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ  
 [Satan] said : Because You have put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them on Your straight path  
 سورة الأعراف  
 7:16

This was gross misbehaviour and disrespect. This is not bravery.

وَجَاءَهُ قَوْمُهُ يَهْرَعُونَ إِلَيْهِ وَمِنْ قَبْلُ كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ هَؤُلَاءِ بَنَاتِي هُنَّ أَطْهَرُ لَكُمْ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تَخْرُوفُنِي فِي ضَيْفِي أَلَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ رَجُلٌ رَشِيدٌ

**And his people came hastening to him, and before [this] they had been doing evil deeds. He said : O my people, these are my daughters; they are purer for you. So fear Allah and do not disgrace me concerning my guests. Is there not among you a man of reason?**

سورة هود  
 11:78

The bravado of the nation of Lut عليه السلام is an example. They behaved so badly, and then they confronted their messenger, and rejected his offer of marriage to his daughters. They ran to get to his guests, who were angels in the guise of men, not caring about their sins.

The nation of Thamud, when they asked Saleh عليه السلام to bring a particular signs of Allah, being so specific, asking for a pregnant she-camel, were showing their foolishness and bravado. They also accused him of being bewitched, then a normal and ordinary man, contradicting themselves.

قَالُوا إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مِنَ الْمُسَحَّرِينَ  
 They said : You are only of those affected by magic  
 مَا أَنْتَ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُنَا فَأْتِ بآيَةٍ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ  
 You are but a man like ourselves, so bring a sign, if you should be of the truthful  
 سورة الشعراء  
 26:153-154

فَأَسْقِطْ عَلَيْنَا كِسَفًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ

**So cause to fall upon us fragments of the sky, if you should be of the truthful**  
 سورة الشعراء  
 26:187

Another example of daring is when the people of Shu'ayb عليه السلام called for their own punishment. الجرأة is exceeding the boundaries and negative thinking.