



✦ In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful ✦



Friendship for Allah



A Card-a-Day Handbook for Companionship in Faith

Thirty keepsake cards, each rooted in the Qur'an and Sunnah — one guidance to live out in the **mindset** of the heart, the **action** of the body, and the **speech** of the tongue.

MINDSET

ACTION

SPEECH

"You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not truly believe until you love one another. Shall I tell you of something that will make you love one another? Spread salām among yourselves."

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

Print two cards to a page, cut along the dotted line, and keep one where you'll see it each day. When you reach the last card, begin again — these are habits for a lifetime, not a checklist. Passages are rendered by meaning; return to the full texts and trusted scholars for study.



Love That Casts a Shadow

Al-Hubb fillāh — Love for Allah's Sake



"Seven will be shaded by Allah on the Day when there is no shade but His ... and two who loved one another for the sake of Allah, meeting upon that and parting upon it."

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī • Muslim

GUIDANCE

A friendship built on benefit ends when the benefit ends. A friendship built for Allah earns His shade on the Day it is needed most.

TODAY'S ACTION

Renew your intention with one friend today: keep them for Allah, not for what you gain.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Purify the bond — love them because they draw you nearer to Allah.

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Meet and part upon good; spend your time together in what pleases Him.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Speak of Allah and the good together, not merely idle talk.

♦ O Allah, let us love one another for Your sake and gather us in Your shade.

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You Become Your Company

Al-Khalīl — Choosing a Close Friend



"A person is upon the way of his close friend, so let each of you look at whom he takes as a friend."

Sunan Abī Dāwūd • at-Tirmidhī

GUIDANCE

Your closest companions quietly shape your character, habits, and faith. Choose them as carefully as the road you walk.

TODAY'S ACTION

Assess your inner circle honestly, and draw one step closer to a friend who lifts your deen.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Judge a friend by how they affect your bond with Allah, not your status.

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Spend more time with those who raise you; less with those who pull you down.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Ask a righteous friend to remind you when you slip.

♦ O Allah, surround me with companions who lead me to You.

Perfume-Seller or Blacksmith

Al-Jalīs — The Good Companion



"The likeness of a good companion and a bad one is the perfume-seller and the blacksmith: from the first you gain a sweet scent; from the second, a burn or a foul smell."

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī • Muslim

GUIDANCE

Good company rubs off on you even when you do nothing; bad company harms you even when you mean well. Sit where the scent is sweet.

TODAY'S ACTION

Seek out one gathering of good this week — knowledge, worship, or wholesome company.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Expect to absorb whatever you sit beside; choose the fragrance.

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Place yourself in circles of good; step out of harmful ones.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Carry the good scent onward — pass a beneficial word to another.

✦ *O Allah, make me a carrier of good and keep me from harmful company.*

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Tell Them You Love Them

I'lān al-Maḥabbah — Declaring Love



"If a man loves his brother, let him tell him that he loves him."

Sunan Abī Dāwūd • at-Tirmidhī

GUIDANCE

Love left unspoken is a gift never handed over. Naming it strengthens the bond and softens both hearts.

TODAY'S ACTION

Tell one friend today, plainly: "I love you for the sake of Allah."

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Let sincerity, not embarrassment, rule your heart.

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Reach out — a call, a visit, a message that closes distance.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

"I love you for the sake of Allah."
Their reply: "May the One for whom you love me love you."

✦ *O Allah, bind our hearts together in Your love.*

Six Rights You Owe

Huqūq al-Muslim — A Friend's Rights



"The rights of a Muslim over another are six: greet him, accept his invitation, give him sincere advice, answer his sneeze, visit him when ill, and follow his funeral."

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

GUIDANCE

Brotherhood is not a feeling only; it is a set of concrete duties the Prophet (peace be upon him) spelled out. Fulfil them, and love follows.

TODAY'S ACTION

Fulfil at least one of these six rights for a friend today.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

See your friend as someone with real claims upon you.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Show up — to the invitation, the sickbed, the moment of need.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Begin with salām; offer sincere, private advice when asked.

✦ *O Allah, help me fulfil the rights of my brothers and sisters.*

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A Mirror to Your Brother

Al-Mir'āt — The Believing Mirror



"The believer is the mirror of his brother; he guards him from loss and protects him from behind."

Sunan Abī Dāwūd (ḥasan)

GUIDANCE

A mirror shows you your flaws honestly, quietly, and only to your face. Be that for your friend — and protect their back when they are absent.

TODAY'S ACTION

If you see a fault in a friend, correct it gently and privately today — never publicly.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Want their improvement, not their embarrassment.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Defend their honour when they are not in the room.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Advise face to face, softly; never expose them to others.

✦ *O Allah, make us mirrors of good for one another.*

The Angel on the Road

Ziyārah fillāh — Visiting for Allah



"A man set out to visit a brother. Allah placed an angel on his road who asked why. 'I love him for Allah,' he said. The angel replied: 'Allah loves you as you loved him for His sake.'"

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

GUIDANCE

To go out of your way for a friend purely for Allah draws down Allah's own love. The journey itself is worship.

TODAY'S ACTION

Visit or reach out to a friend today with no motive but Allah's pleasure.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Intend the visit for Allah, expecting nothing back.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Cross the distance — make the effort your love requires.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Let them know they were on your heart and worth the journey.

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✦ O Allah, love me as I strive to love others for Your sake.

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Empty the Heart of Rancour

Salāmat al-Ṣadr — A Clean Heart



"Do not envy one another, do not hate one another, do not turn away from one another; be, O servants of Allah, brothers."

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī · Muslim

GUIDANCE

Friendships rarely die from great betrayals — more often from small resentments left to fester. Keep your heart clean toward others.

TODAY'S ACTION

Release one grudge from your heart today, completely.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Refuse envy and rancour; wish others the good you wish yourself.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Turn toward, not away — close the gap a cold silence opened.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Speak no word poisoned by jealousy or spite.

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✦ O Allah, purify my heart toward my brothers and sisters.

Assume the Best of Them

Husn al-Ẓann — Thinking Well



"Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the most false of speech."

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī • Muslim

GUIDANCE

Most friendships are wounded by a story we invent about a silence or a word. Give your friend the interpretation you would want for yourself.

TODAY'S ACTION

When a friend's action stings today, choose the kindest explanation first.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Replace 'they meant harm' with 'there may be more I don't know.'

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Pause before reacting; don't act on a suspicion.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Ask, don't accuse: "I may have misread — what did you mean?"

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✦ *O Allah, protect me from ill thoughts about my brothers.*

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Find Them an Excuse

Al-Itimās al-'Udhr — Making Excuses



"If something you dislike reaches you from your brother, seek an excuse for him; if you find none, say: 'Perhaps he has an excuse I do not know.'"

Counsel of the pious predecessors

GUIDANCE

A generous friend hunts for reasons to excuse, not reasons to condemn. Give the benefit of the doubt before you give a verdict.

TODAY'S ACTION

Find an excuse for a friend who let you down today instead of confronting them.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Assume there is a reason you cannot see.

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Hold back the reaction until you truly understand.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Withhold the accusation; give them room to explain.

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✦ *O Allah, let me excuse others as I hope to be excused.*

Advise in Private

Al-Naṣīḥah — Sincere Counsel



"The religion is sincere counsel." We asked: "To whom?" He said: "To Allah, His Book, His Messenger, the leaders of the Muslims, and their common folk."

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

GUIDANCE

True friendship tells the truth — gently, privately, and for the friend's benefit, never to shame. Public correction is not advice; it is exposure.

TODAY'S ACTION

Offer one piece of honest, caring advice to a friend today — quietly, one to one.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Intend their good, not your own superiority.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Take them aside; correct where no one else can hear.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

"I say this because I care about you ..." — gentle, not harsh.

... ♦ O Allah, make me sincere in counsel and gentle in delivery.

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Cover, and Be Covered

Al-Satr — Concealing Faults



"No servant conceals the faults of another in this world except that Allah conceals his faults on the Day of Resurrection."

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

GUIDANCE

Everyone has slips they pray no one saw. Guard your friend's dignity as you hope Allah will guard yours.

TODAY'S ACTION

Keep one thing you know about a friend private today — do not repeat it.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Desire to shield, not to expose.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Let the fault stop with you; do not spread it.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Refuse to pass on a friend's mistake, even as 'concern.'

... ♦ O Allah, conceal our faults in this life and the next.

Be There in the Hard Hour

Tanfīs al-Kurab — Relieving Distress



“Whoever relieves a believer of a distress of this world, Allah will relieve him of a distress on the Day of Resurrection.”

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

GUIDANCE

A true friend is proven not in the celebration but in the crisis. Show up when it is hard and costly, not only when it is easy.

TODAY’S ACTION

Ease one burden for a struggling friend today — practically, not just with words.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

See their hardship as your opportunity for reward.

ACTION Body · al-Jawārīḥ

Give time, effort, or help where it lightens the load.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

“I’m here. Tell me what you need.”
— then follow through.

♦ O Allah, let me relieve others’ burdens, and relieve mine in return.

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In Your Brother’s Service

Qaḍā’ al-Ḥājah — Meeting Needs



“Allah remains in the aid of His servant so long as the servant remains in the aid of his brother.”

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

GUIDANCE

When you serve a friend’s need, you are not losing time — you are purchasing Allah’s help for your own affairs.

TODAY’S ACTION

Fulfil a need for a friend today that you would otherwise have left to them.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Trust that helping others invites Allah’s help for you.

ACTION Body · al-Jawārīḥ

Step in and do the task — don’t just offer.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Offer specifically: “Let me handle this part for you.”

♦ O Allah, keep me in the service of others and keep me in Your aid.

Give, and You Will Love

Al-Hadiyyah — Gifts Between Friends



"Exchange gifts, and you will love one another."

al-Adab al-Mufrad (al-Bukhārī)

GUIDANCE

A small, thoughtful gift says more than a speech: I remembered you when you weren't there. It melts coldness and grows affection.

TODAY'S ACTION

Give a friend a small gift or gesture today, expecting nothing back.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Look for chances to delight, not to keep score.

ACTION Body · al-Jawārīḥ

Bring or send something they'd love, however small.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

"I saw this and thought of you."

♦ O Allah, let our giving increase love between us.

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Never Belittle a Smile

Ṭalāqat al-Wajh — A Cheerful Face



"Do not belittle any good deed, even meeting your brother with a cheerful face."

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

GUIDANCE

You need neither wealth nor eloquence to be a good friend — a warm face is a charity anyone can afford, and it lands on the heart instantly.

TODAY'S ACTION

Meet every friend today with a genuine, welcoming smile.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Decide your presence will lighten, not burden.

ACTION Body · al-Jawārīḥ

Soften your face; greet warmly before anything else.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

A cheerful greeting, a kind word, an easy manner.

♦ O Allah, make me a source of ease and warmth to others.

A Secret Is a Trust

Al-Amānah — Keeping Confidences



"When a man says something and then glances around, it is a trust (amānah)."

Sunan Abī Dāwūd • at-Tirmidhī

GUIDANCE

What a friend shares in confidence is a trust placed in your hands. To repeat it is a betrayal, even if you call it 'just talking.'

TODAY'S ACTION

Guard one confidence a friend shared with you today — tell no one.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Treat their words as a trust you will answer for.

ACTION Body • al-Jawārīḥ

Let the secret stop with you, sealed.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Never open a sentence with 'don't tell anyone, but ...'

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✦ O Allah, make me trustworthy with what others confide.

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Guard Them in Their Absence

Tark al-Ghībah — No Backbiting



"Do not backbite one another. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You would detest it."

Qur'an 49:12

GUIDANCE

The truest test of friendship is how you speak of a friend when they cannot hear you. Protect their name as fiercely as your own.

TODAY'S ACTION

Refuse to join or start any talk behind a friend's back today.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Feel the weight of their honour in your speech.

ACTION Body • al-Jawārīḥ

Leave or redirect a gathering that turns to backbiting.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Defend the absent: "That's not fair — let's not speak of them so."

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✦ O Allah, guard my tongue from the honour of others.

Do Not Belittle Anyone

Tark al-Sukhriyah — No Mockery



"Let not a people ridicule another people — perhaps they are better than them ... nor call each other by offensive nicknames."

Qur'an 49:11

GUIDANCE

A joke at a friend's expense can wound long after the laughter fades. Honour lives in how lightly you handle another's dignity.

TODAY'S ACTION

Cut out one habit of teasing or mockery today, even if it feels harmless.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Assume the one you'd mock may be dearer to Allah than you.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Refuse to join laughter aimed at someone's expense.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Drop the cutting nickname and the belittling jest.

... *♦ O Allah, keep my humour clean and my tongue kind.*

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Better Than Fasting and Prayer

Al-Iṣlāḥ — Reconciling People



"Shall I tell you of something greater in rank than fasting, prayer, and charity? Reconciling between people; for the corruption of relationships is the shaver."

Sunan Abī Dāwūd · at-Tirmidhī

GUIDANCE

Mending broken bonds between others is among the highest of deeds — greater in reward than extra worship. Be a healer, not a divider.

TODAY'S ACTION

Help reconcile two friends or relatives who have fallen out today.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Value harmony among people above being right.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Step between the estranged as a bridge, carrying good.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Convey the good each said; soften, don't inflame.

... *♦ O Allah, make me a means of reconciliation, not division.*

Keep the Old Bonds

Al-Wafā' — Loyalty Over Time



The Prophet (peace be upon him) would honour the friends of Khadījah after her passing, for loyalty is part of faith.

From the Sunnah (al-Bukhārī · al-Ḥākim)

GUIDANCE

Anyone can be a friend in the season of ease. Loyalty is remembering people — and those they loved — long after the season passes.

TODAY'S ACTION

Reconnect with an old friend you have neglected today.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Treasure faithfulness as part of your faith.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Reach back across the years — a call, a visit, a kindness.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

"I haven't forgotten you." Honour those they loved, too.

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✦ *O Allah, make me faithful to those who were faithful to me.*

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Pray for Them Unseen

Du'ā' bi'l-Ghayb — Prayer in Absence



"The supplication of a Muslim for his brother in his absence is answered. An angel at his head says: 'Āmīn, and for you the same.'"

Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim

GUIDANCE

The kindest thing you can do for a friend is to raise them before Allah when they will never know — and the reward returns to you.

TODAY'S ACTION

Make a specific, sincere du'ā for a friend today, in their absence.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Want for them, privately, what you want for yourself.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Raise your hands for them after ṣalāh.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

You may tell them later: "You were in my du'ā."

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✦ *O Allah, grant my friends the best of this life and the next.*

Not Beyond Three Nights

Tark al-Hajr — Do Not Cut Off



"It is not lawful for a Muslim to forsake his brother beyond three nights ... and the better of them is the one who greets with salām first."

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī • Muslim

GUIDANCE

Estrangement is a wound that hardens with time. The nobler soul breaks the silence first — that is strength, not defeat.

TODAY'S ACTION

If you are avoiding someone, break the silence today with salām.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Prize the bond above the ego that keeps you silent.

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Take the first step toward them.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Be the first to say salām — that alone makes you the better.

♦ O Allah, let me be the first to reconcile, not the last.

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Prefer Them Over Yourself

Al-Īthār — Selflessness



"...and they give preference over themselves, even though poverty is their lot. Whoever is protected from the greed of his soul — those are the successful."

Qur'an 59:9

GUIDANCE

The Anṣār loved for their brothers what they kept from themselves. Generosity of soul — not just of wealth — marks a great friend.

TODAY'S ACTION

Put a friend's comfort or preference ahead of your own once today.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Fight the greed that whispers 'me first.'

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Give up the better seat, the larger portion, the easier task.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

"You take it — I'd rather you had it."

♦ O Allah, protect me from the greed of my soul.

With Those You Love

Al-Ma'iyah — Together in the Hereafter



A man asked about the Hour. He said: "What have you prepared for it?" "Only that I love Allah and His Messenger." He said: "You will be with those you love."

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī • Muslim

GUIDANCE

Who you love is who you will be gathered with. Choose friends whose company you would be honoured to keep on the Day of Judgement.

TODAY'S ACTION

Draw closer to a friend today whose path leads toward Allah.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Let love of the righteous shape the company you keep.

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Spend your hours with those you'd want beside you in the Hereafter.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Encourage each other toward the good you hope to share.

♦ O Allah, gather me with those I love for Your sake.

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The Best Are the Most Useful

Naf' al-Nās — Being of Benefit



"The most beloved of people to Allah are those most beneficial to people ..."

al-Mu'jam al-Awsaṭ (ḥasan)

GUIDANCE

A friend worth having brings good into your life. Aim to be that person — the one whose presence leaves others better off.

TODAY'S ACTION

Do one concrete good for a friend or acquaintance today.

MINDSET Heart • al-Qalb

Ask: 'How can I be of use here?'

ACTION Body • al-Jawāriḥ

Turn goodwill into a real action that helps someone.

SPEECH Tongue • al-Lisān

Offer help before it is asked for.

♦ O Allah, make me among the most beneficial of Your servants.

Bear With Their Faults

Al-Ṣabr ‘ala’l-Ikhwān — Patience With Friends



“The believer who mixes with people and bears their harm patiently has greater reward than one who neither mixes with them nor bears their harm.”

Sunan at-Tirmidhī · Ibn Mājah

GUIDANCE

No friend is flawless, and withdrawing from people is not piety. Patience with their shortcomings is where the reward lies.

TODAY’S ACTION

Overlook one irritating trait in a friend today without comment.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Expect imperfection; reward is in patience, not isolation.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Stay engaged; don’t withdraw at the first friction.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Let a small annoyance pass in silence.

♦ O Allah, grant me patience with people and keep me among them for good.

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Justice, Even With Friends

Al-Qawāmah bi’l-Qiṣṭ — Fairness



“O you who believe, be maintainers of justice, witnesses for Allah, even against yourselves ...”

Qur’an 4:135

GUIDANCE

Loyalty to a friend never means covering their wrong or denying another’s right. Stand for justice even when it costs the one you love.

TODAY’S ACTION

Refuse to back a friend in something unjust today; stand for what’s right.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Let truth outrank loyalty when the two collide.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Act fairly toward all, not just those you favour.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

“I’m with you — but here you’re in the wrong.”

♦ O Allah, make me just, even when it costs me.

The Friend Who Points Upward

Al-Dhikrā — Reminding of Allah



“...and remind, for the reminder benefits the believers.”

Qur'an 51:55

GUIDANCE

The best companion is the one whose company makes you remember Allah. Be a friend who lifts eyes toward the Hereafter, not only the world.

TODAY'S ACTION

Share one beneficial reminder — a verse, a hadith, a good word — with a friend today.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Wish for your friend the success of the next life, not just this one.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Invite them to good — a prayer, a lecture, a charity.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

Weave the remembrance of Allah gently into your talk.

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✦ O Allah, make us friends who remind one another of You.

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Brotherhood That Outlasts the World

Al-Ukhuwwah — A Bond for Eternity



“Close friends, that Day, will be enemies to one another — except the God-conscious.”

Qur'an 43:67

GUIDANCE

Every bond not built on taqwā will one day turn to regret. A friendship rooted in Allah is the only one that survives into eternity — invest there.

TODAY'S ACTION

Recommit today to one friendship for Allah's sake, and let a hollow one gently fade.

MINDSET Heart · al-Qalb

Build bonds you'll be glad of on the Day of Judgement.

ACTION Body · al-Jawāriḥ

Invest your best time in God-conscious company.

SPEECH Tongue · al-Lisān

“Let's help each other reach Jannah.”

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✦ O Allah, make our friendship a mercy that endures beyond this world.