



Life of Muhammad^{sa}

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KEEPING GOOD COMPANY

He always preferred to keep company with the virtuous and if he observed any weakness in any of his Companionsra he admonished him gently and in private.

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"The Holy Prophet^{sa} illustrated the benefit to be derived from good friends and virtuous companions

and the injury to be apprehended from evil friends and vicious companions by saying:

'A man who keeps company with virtuous people is like a person who carries about musk with him.

If he partakes of it he derives benefit from it, if he sells it he makes a profit out of it and if he merely keeps it he enjoys its perfume.

A man who keeps company with evil persons is like one who blows into a charcoal furnace;

all that he can expect is that a spark may alight upon his clothes and set them on fire or that the gas emitted by the charcoal may upset his brain'."

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He used to say that a man's character takes on the colour of the company he keeps and that therefore one should be careful to spend one's time in the company of the good.