

ADVICE TO MUREEDS

1.1 GENERAL ADVICE:

1. Mureed must always keep himself in a state of Wuzu, so that he may benefit in his Rizq and his spiritual power can be strengthened.
2. He should be punctual with his daily Farz Namaaz.
3. He must remain aloof from all Haraam things. He should earn Halaal food. Haraam is the cause of all evil caused by human beings. Hazrat Ibrahim Adham (R.A.) says that if you keep your stomach clean from Haraam food, whatever name of Allah you recite it will become Izme Azam.
4. No work should be done that is contrary to Shariat. The root of all wickedness is to go against Shariat.
5. Mureed must try to recite Shijra daily. (See Chapter on procedure to recite Shijra.)
6. Mureed must always remain in good company.
Onion gives off foul smell but when it is fried in butter then it gives a nice smell, due to companion of butter.
Ordinary water becomes valuable and fragrant due to companion of Rose

NB. From the above examples it can be seen that good company makes man perfect, good natured and virtuous.

1.2 THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE MUREED TO THE MURSHID:

For the Mureed, in the company of the Murshid, the observance of good manners is most important.

Save by manners one cannot gain the rights due to the Murshid's instruction. The Mureed must try and observe the following rules of conduct:

1. The Mureed must remain a servant of one door (one Murshid).

If the Mureed entertains in his mind any doubt about his Murshid, even if it be to the extent of the seventieth part of a till, then his allegiance becomes null and void and he himself becomes a sinner and is called a Murtad. Once an egg hatched by a hen is spoiled it cannot be brought to its original state by any other hens of the world.

2. Mureed must consider his Murshid greater than all.
3. He must consider his Murshid as the representative of Nabi-e-Karim(S.A.W.).
4. Before Murshid, Mureed must sit with respect and folded thighs.
5. When Mureed attends Murshid's mehfil, then he must keep his eye on Jamal of Shaikh (Murshid). He must remain standing and must only sit once Murshid has given permission to sit.
6. Hazrat Nizamudeen Auliya (R.A.) says that mureed should never go empty handed to his Murshid. Those who goes

empty handed returns empty handed. Mureed must serve Murshid with his body, heart, soul and wealth according to his capacity, because a Murshid keeps himself aloof from the worldly affairs. Mureed must keep in mind his Murshid's worldly needs and help him, for seeking his blessings and never think that he is doing an obligation on Murshid.

7. No one should compare his knowledge with the knowledge of Murshid. Mureed may be great scholar but in front of Murshid he must regard himself as illiterate.

8. Mureed must consider himself in the care of Murshid.

9. No one should delay in obeying the order of Murshid, and Murshid should not be hurt.

10. No one should pick up faults of Murshid. One who does so is greatly unfortunate.

11. Mureeds must not talk to one another in front of Murshid.

12. A seeker of Allah must not look at the face of Murshid, teacher or parent without Wuzu

13. Mureed must not hurt Murshid because there is no remedy for it. No worldly dealings should be done with Murshid.

14. Mureed must not recite any wazifas or contemplation (muraqeba) before Murshid.

15. Mureed must not raise his voice in front of Murshid.
16. In presence of Murshid no one must yawn or smoke.
17. Mureed must not turn his back towards Murshid while departing from Murshid. He must go direct to his house so that his family can benefit from the bounties of Murshid.
18. Mureed must not degrade any Murshid, and also has no right to compare any other silsila regarding greatness. Some people once asked one Arif if Hazrat Junaid (R.A.) is greater than Hazrat Ba Yazid (R.A.). the Arif appropriately answered: It will be explained by a person who is greater than both.
19. Murshid must be respected at all times.

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