

**A true friend is like having a brother, father, mother and a better self of you. A confidant, protector, guide, adviser, warner, voice, and an angel.**

**A person cannot achieve greatness on their own, they always need good sincere true friends to support them – a good friend is a true Wali.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> of Jumada al-Aakhira marks the death date of Abu Bakr al-Siddiq رضي الله عنه.**

**“We have surely repaid any favour done upon us by anyone, except Abu Bakr. For he has a contribution [to Islam] that only Allah can repay on the Day of Judgement” (Tirmidhi)**

**The First** - Abu Bakr means **‘the one to act quickest’** - He was the First adult to become a Muslim. First to read Salah with the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. First of the ten promised Paradise. First to preserve the Qur’an. First to memorise the Qur’an. First & only to be given the title Al-Siddiq. First Khalifah in Islam. First to enter Jannah, after the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم.

**Naturally Guided** - Abu Bakr al-Siddiq even before the appearance of Islam he was a model Muslim. He refrained from alcohol, never cheated people, never lied and never bowed to idols.

**Recorded in the Qur’an** - **إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا - الَّذِي يُؤْتِي مَالَهُ يَتَزَكَّى**

**Good Qualities** – “The excellent traits are 360; when Allah wants good for a person then He blesses him with one, by which he enters Jannah.’ Abu Bakr asked, ‘O Messenger of Allah! Do I have any of these traits?’ He replied; ‘Yes O Abu Bakr! All of them”

Honesty, humility, benefiting others, kindness, being fearful of Allah and being generous are all good, praiseworthy traits. So don't belittle one good thing you have. One is enough to enter you into Jannah, but Abu Bakr al-Siddiq رضي الله عنه had all according to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

**Companionship – Suhba** - Abu Bakr al-Siddiq رضي الله عنه was the Companion of the Prophet in his youth, in Makkah, in al-Madinah, in travels, at home, at the mosque, in the battlefield and even in the afterlife. Before he left this world, Abu Bakr al-Siddiq رضي الله عنه asked his Companions to place his body next to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. If the door opened itself miraculously, then he was to be buried next to the Messenger. If the door remained shut, he was to be buried in Jannat al-Baqi.

“Allah has favoured the Prophets, the truthful, the martyrs and the righteous. And how excellent are those as companions.” (4:69)

**Good Friendship – Blessing from Allah** سبحان الله

**“O woe is me! Would that I had not taken such a one for a friend!  
Certainly he led me astray from the reminder after it had come to me.  
And ever is Satan, to man, a deserter.” ” (25:27-29)**

**BFF? ‘Best Friend Forever.’ Social Media? The Prophet ﷺ said “He who helps you remember God, and reminds you when you forget Him.”**

**“A man follows the religion of his friend; so each one should consider whom he makes his friend.” (Abu Dawud)**

**“And keep yourself patient [by being] with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His countenance. And let not your eyes pass beyond them, desiring adornments of the worldly life, and do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his desire and whose affair is ever [in] neglect.” (18:28)**

**Social Media Friends – Who Are Your True Friends?**

**Are They Really Your Friends? Will They Stand By You on Qiyamah?**

**“O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true”  
(9:119)**