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# Closeness and Companionship

“By nature, when a child feels close to and loves someone, **they obey and interact with them easily.**”

Often, we rush and neglect to give the stage of ‘building connection’ its due importance, skipping straight to imposing’ responsibilities’.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) urged us to foster connection in hearts, saying: **"The believer is friendly and approachable, and there is no good in one who is neither friendly nor approachable."** He also said: **"The most complete in faith among people are those with the best character, who are friendly and approachable, who connect with others and are connected with, and there is no good in one who does not connect or is not connected with."**

Things that help in building this connection include giving gifts and showing respect, demonstrating care and concern, **spreading love and harmony**, and promoting safety and peace (both in words and actions).

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: **"Exchange gifts, and you will love one another."**