

Rights of Neighbor in Islam

Can stop entry into Paradise

Often, we do lot of Islamic activities and feel content, but we don't realize that even minor violations of the **rights of the neighbor** can cost you lot of your good deeds.

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وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا ۚ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ
وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا

Worship Allah and join none with Him (in worship); and do good to parents, relatives, orphans, the helpless, near and far neighbors who keep company with you, the travelers in need, and the slaves you own. Allah does not like those who are proud and boastful. *(An-Nisa 4:36)*

Rights of neighbor is very serious, can stop entry into paradise. Here are few authentic references...

1. He is **not a believer** who eats his fill whilst his neighbor beside him goes hungry. *(Bukhari)*
2. By Allah, he is **not a believer** one whose neighbor does not feel safe from his evil. *(Bukhari)*
3. Aisha Radiallahu anha quoted the Prophet ﷺ as saying: 'Jibril kept recommending me to treat my neighbor well until I thought that he would tell me to make him one of my heirs'. *(Bukhari)*
4. No one should scorn the gift of a neighbor, even if it is (only) a sheep's foot. *(Bukhari)*
5. He will **not enter Paradise**, a person whose neighbor is not secure from his ill conduct. *(Muslim)*
6. Whoever believes in Allah and the Day of Judgment should show **hospitality to his guest**. *(Muslim)*
7. O Abu Dhar! Whenever you prepare a broth, put plenty of water in it, and give some of it to **your neighbors**. *(Muslim)*
8. 'O Messenger of Allah! There is a woman who prays, gives charity and fasts a great deal, but she harms her neighbors with her speech (by insulting them)'. He said: '**She will go to hell**'. The man said: 'O messenger of Allah! There is (another) woman who is well-known for how little she fasts and prays, but she gives charity from the dried yogurt she makes, and she does not harm her neighbors'. He said: '**She will go to paradise**'. *(Ahmad, Ibn Hibban)*