

With regards to the student of knowledge having a level of of manliness that others can only aspire to, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* comments:

Without doubt, enjoying masculine characteristics is from *al muroo-ah* (fine and honourable manners).

For if a person were to place himself on the level of “*rijaal*” (men) – and they are “men” with the meaning of those with authority and importance – then he would enjoy that which (the author) mentioned:

bravery and being intrepid upon the Truth and fine manners and spending in the path of goodness, until the hopes of men come to a standstill before reaching your level – meaning that no one can imagine overtaking you in these (fine) attributes which you have.

(*Sharh hilyah taalib il 'ilm* p42 of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah*)