

You don't truly know a person until...

A man gave testimony in the presence of Umar ibn Al Khattab – may Allah be pleased with him – so Umar replied to him by saying: “I do not know you, and it does not harm you that I do not know you, bring someone who knows you.”

Thus a man from amongst the people said: “I know him.” Umar said: “How do you know him?” The man replied: “I know him to be a man of justice and virtue.”

Umar said: “**Is he your close neighbor, such that you know his night and his day, his coming and going?**” The man replied: “No.”

Umar said: “**Have you had financial transactions with him, which prove his piety?**” The man replied: “No.”

Umar said: “**Have you accompanied him on a journey which has testified to his noble manners?**” The man replied: “No.”

Umar said: “**Then you don't know him**”. Then he said to the man: “Bring someone who knows you.”

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