

## **BE KIND TO YOUR WIFE**

Islam is the complete code of life. According to Islam family makes up the society. The family is formed of man and woman and it is extended by producing children. After getting married it's the responsibility of the husband to take care of his wife in all aspects. Every Muslim must realize that one's spouse is first and foremost on another. It's the duty of all Muslims that they should give respect to one another. Husband and wife have been greater rights upon each other because they have to live together.

Husband and wife should strive to make one another happy and take into consideration the needs, abilities, and weaknesses of the other. Our beloved Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon him) advised the husbands to treat their wives in the best way. This is clear in the following hadith: "The best of you is the best of you to their family and I am the best of you to my family."

## **RIGHTS OF HUSBAND**

### **FINANCIAL:**

#### **1- Dowry (Mahr)**

Dowry is a set amount of money, which the wife is legally entitled to once the marriage contract is signed and consummated. The husband is legally bound to pay the designated amount to his wife. The dowry essentially stands as a token of safety, regard, and honour for the wife. In the Holy Quran, Allah (SWT) states: "And give to the women (whom you marry) their 'Mahr' with a good heart" (Quran 4:4)

#### **2- Spending:**

It is the responsibility of the husband to provide accommodation and fulfil the necessities/needs (i.e. food, housing, clothing etc.) for his wife to the best of his capabilities. The husband can do this while staying within his means at the time. It is obligatory on the husbands in Islam to spend on their wives (in a reasonable manner) and take care of them financially. In the Prophet's (Peace and blessings be upon him) last sermon, he said: As narrated by Jabir, the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon him) said in his Farewell Sermon: "Fear Allah concerning women! Verily you have taken them on the security of Allah, and intercourse with them has been made lawful unto you by words of Allah... Their rights upon you are that you should provide them with food and clothing in a fitting manner"

### **Non-Financial Rights:**

#### **1- Respect and kindness**

The Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon him) greatly emphasized on the kind treatment of women, especially wives. The husband must treat his wife with the utmost respect and dignity – nothing less! He must be good to her and be cognizant of her feelings and emotions as well.

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The Messenger of Allah (Peace and blessings be upon him) said: ‘Be kind to women.’”

## **2- Not to be Harmed**

The husband is to be the protector of his wife and not to bring any harm upon her. It is his duty to take care of her, physically and emotionally. The husband is not to abuse his wife physically, emotionally or sexually. The wife is essentially under the protection of her husband; hence it is the husband’s responsibility to make sure he fulfils his duty.

### **3. Listen to Her When She Is Talking to You**

Just like the breadwinner of the family, wives also have a lot of responsibilities over their shoulders. Within her husband, she finds a trustworthy friend and a good listener who would release her stress when she wishes to speak. Pay attention to what she says and involve yourself in any conversation with her.

## **4. Do Not Take Your Wife for Granted**

“The words of a husband to his wife, “I truly love you,” should never leave her heart.” – The Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him) Thank her for her efforts. Value everything, she does for the betterment of the family. Show that you value her, and she will do the same when she sees your honesty. Appreciate her efforts.

### **5. Remember All the Good About Her When She Makes A Mistake**

It is always advised in Islam to overlook the mistakes people make and look at their good deeds, even in the matters that involve forgiveness. Given so, your wife is one of the most important people in your life. Remember to keep this point in your mind before getting into any argument or quarrel with her.

## **6. Remember to Pray for Her**

She finds her strength in your strength. Praying for your wife is one of the most beautiful elements guarded in the union between two people who sacrifice themselves for each other.

## **7. Cook Food for Her and Give Her Surprises**

“If a man helps his spouse in household work, Allah records for him spiritual reward equal to the hair on his body as if he had fasted during days and offered prayers during nights for one full year.” – The Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings be upon him). Our society has restricted men to meet all the financial obligations while women to do household works. While the choice entirely depends on the mutual consent of the couple, restricting a husband to cook for his wife, should be avoided.

### **8. Praise Her in Front of Others**

Every person in this world admires the fact that they are appreciated. Your wife is one of those as well. Value her efforts and flaunt to the world how blessed you are to have her in your life.

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