

Take Care of Women

Kind Treatment of One's Wife

Prophetic Hadiths:

Abu Hurayrah relate that the Prophet (pbuh) said,

"The best of you is whoever treats his wife kindly."

[Narrated by Ahmad and Tirmidhi]

`Aisha (may Allah be pleased upon him) related,

"The Prophet (pbuh) used to work for his family, and when he heard the call for prayer (adhan), he would go out.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

How to Deal with a Wife Whom You Dislike

Qur'anic verses:

{Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allah has given the one more (strength) than the other, and because they support them from their means. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient, and guard in the (husbands) absence what Allah would have them guard. As to women on whose part ye fear disloyalty and ill-conduct admonish them (first), (next), refuse to share their beds, (and last) beat them (lightly); but if they return to obedience, seek not against them means (of annoyance): for Allah is Most

High, Great (above ye all).}
[Al-Nisa' : 34]

{But it is possible that ye dislike a thing,
which is good, for you,}
[Al-Baqarah: 216]

Prophetic Hadiths:

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reports the Prophet (pbuh) to have said, "Never a believer hates a believing woman. If he hates one of her manners, he may admire another. "

[Narrated by Ahmad and Muslim]

Umm Kulthum bint `Uqba related, "I have not heard that the Prophet (pbuh) permitted telling lies except in three cases:

- (1) A man seeking reconciliation
- (2) At war
- (3) Talking to one's wife or husband.⁵¹

Forbearing One's Wife

Prophetic hadiths:

"Once the Prophet (pbuh) and `Aisha were angry with each other. Meanwhile, Abu Bakr intervened as an arbitrator. The Prophet (pbuh) said (to `Aisha), either you or I speak. She said, You can speak but you should tell the truth. Thereupon, Abu Bakr bunched her and said", O the opponent of herself! Does he tell other than the truth! Accordingly, she resorted to the Prophet (pbuh) shelter and sat

⁵¹ Telling lies cannot be lawful in the general sense of the word. It means that one can pretend that he loves his wife in order to keep the ties of the marital life and to give himself another chance to cling to his wife and she to him.