

[Reported by Muslim]

"All of you are guardians and responsible for your wards and the things under your care. The Imam (i.e. ruler) is the guardian of his subjects and is responsible for them and a man is the guardian of his family and is responsible for them. A woman is the guardian of her husband's house and is responsible for it. A servant is the guardian of his master's belongings and is responsible for them.' I thought that he also said, 'A man is the guardian of his father's property and is responsible for it. All of you are guardians and responsible for your wards and the things under your care."

[Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

When Should a Child Be Ordered to Perform the Prayer

Prophetic Hadiths:

"When a boy reaches the age of seven years, teach him the prayers (salat), and punish him, when he commits a fault (in his prayer)"

[Reported by Tirmidhi and Abu Dawud]

"When your children attain the age of seven years, ask them to perform the prayer and chastise them in respect of any fault in this behalf, when they are ten years old, let them sleep in separate beds"

[Reported by Abu Dawud]

Lying to One's Children

Prophetic Hadiths:

Abdullah ibn `Amir (may Allah be pleased with him) said,

"One day my mother called upon me while the Prophet (pbuh) sitting in our home. She said to me, "Come and I will give you." The Prophet (pbuh) said, "What are you going to give him?" She said, " A date. " The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Would not you give him, a lie will be recorded against you."

[Reported by Abu Dawud]

Equality Among Children

Qur'anic verses:

{Verily in Joseph and his brethren are signs for seekers (after Truth). They said: "Truly Joseph and his brother are loved more by our father than we: But we are goodly body! Really our father is obviously in error! "Slay ye Joseph or cast him out to some (w1known) land, that so the favour of your father may be given to you alone: (there will be time enough) for you to be righteous after that!}

[Yusuf: 8-9]

Prophetic Hadiths:

`Amir related,

"I heard An-Nu'man bin Bashir on the pulpit saying, "My father gave me a gift but `Amra bint Rawaha (my mother) said that she would not agree to it unless he made Allah's Apostle as a witness to it. So, my father went to Allah's