

Responsibilities of the Husband

According to the verses of the Quran the husband needs to do the following:

1. Pay marriage gift or money (مهر), unless the wife doesn't need the money and is willing to forego her right.
2. Accept that he is the head of the family and responsible for fulfilling the financial and other needs of the wife.
3. Be loving and affectionate.
4. Should not maltreat his wife, even if she has some shortcomings.
5. Satisfy the sexual needs of the wife.
6. Have as many children as her health will allow.
7. Be gentle and loving towards the whole family.

Hadees Tirmizi:

“The husband should fulfill the basic responsibilities that fall upon him due to the marriage (نكاح) agreement i.e. marriage gift or money and the provision of food, clothes, board and lodging.

Hadees Ibne-Maja:

“A person only excels if he is nice to his wife”.



Quran – Surah-e-Baqara – Ayat 187:

“Husband and wife are as close to each other as the body of a person is to its clothes”.

21.1 The rights of a husband

1. See the woman before marrying her. The prophet⁽¹⁾ of Allah advised repeatedly in favour of this, and he stated that in this way the chances of mutual love and cooperation between the couple are greater, as the person will be marrying a woman he likes.
2. The wife should listen to her husband, unless she can persuade him otherwise, or she is asked to do something prohibited by Islam.
3. Not to have intimate relations with any other man.
4. Protect the wealth and property entrusted to her, in the home or otherwise.
5. Cooperate with her husband and try her utmost to keep him satisfied and happy.
6. She should avoid, as much as possible, making him cross and angry.

21.2 Responsibility towards the parents

The Quran exhorts humans to be kind, affectionate and caring toward their parents, as they gave birth to them, nurtured them, and made them healthy adults in order to live a good life. The parents are considered only second to Allah. The mother gets special mention as she is the one who bore him/her for nine months and suffered greatly in the pregnancy and birth. She also took care of him/her till the age of independence



Hadees: Abu Dawood:

“Paradise lies at the feet of mothers.

Hadees- Ibn-e-Maja & Abu Dawood:

The revered Umro bin Shuaib⁽²⁾ reported that a person said to the prophet⁽¹⁾ of Allah “I am wealthy, can I give some money to my father as he is in need.” The prophet⁽¹⁾ of Allah replied “Your father owns you as well as your wealth.”

Then he stated “Your children are your life’s good work, and you are entitled to their wealth.”

Hadees- Bukhari & Muslim:

The prophet⁽¹⁾ stated “Upon your behaviour towards parents depends whether you go to hell or heaven.”

Hadees - Muslim:

The prophet⁽¹⁾ stated “One who provokes the displeasure of the parents will not enter paradise.”

(1) May Allah bless with eternal peace

(2) May Allah be Pleased

