

Rules for Life from the Qura'an

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وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْعُرْفِ
And live with them in kindness
4:19

This rule is for the men. Women are fragile and sensitive. She is weak by nature, while the man is strong. So Allah has given rules telling him how he should treat a woman, with goodness, never harshly, whatever the situation, even divorce.

The rules are there, whether people follow them or not. If they obey, they are rewarded, and if they disobey, they will be punished. The rights of people are preserved with Allah.



This command is for the believers; they go through challenges, and have differences with each other. This ayah was revealed regarding the way a widow should be treated. In the jahiliyah times, the women were treated like objects, and the widows were inherited by the heirs of the dead man. He may marry the widow, or keep her without marriage, not give her any inheritance from her dead husband. So Allah says she must not be mistreated, and dealt with in a good manner. This is obligatory.

The main unit in society is that of the husband and wife, they must deal with each other in the best way. Even if the husband hates his wife for some reason, he must be good to her. You must do what please Allah, don't follow your desires.

There are building bricks in your life. There may be a brick that you hate, but this brick may be the source of so much goodness in your life. Don't rely on your feelings and eyes, believe in what Allah tells you, and rely on Him.

This rule can be applied generally in life, to deal with the people close to you. Be good to the people in your life specially the weak ones. Be gentle and good. This builds a good society.

This principle is about belief. If you believe, you will apply it. It is connected with the lives of people. We are in life as a test, to be reformed, and be eligible to go to Jannah. If we were perfect we would already be in Jannah. If you are alive, you are being nurtured.

The rules from the Qura'an can be applied easily. Without them, life would be a jungle. These rules control the behaviour of the people.

The word عاشر comes from the word عشر, ten. In the language, the number 10 is used for perfection. So when Allah commands the men عاشروهن, it means be complex and perfect with the women. The word عشرة, living

1 قاعدة ايمانه وثيقة الصلة بواقع الناس

الاجتماعي

2 عاشر ← عشر الكمال و التمام

3 المعروف ← عرف

4 كيف المعاشرة بالمعروف؟

المهر

النفقة

القسم

ترك اذاها بالقول

ترك اذاها بالفعل

ترك العبوس

together, means to live with each other as a family, completely and perfectly. Not as rivals or competitors, but completing and complementing each other. This can also be applied to a close friendship.

Deal with each other in a way known to be good, depending on the culture and customs. This good behavior must be seen when giving the dowry, allowance, and the division between co-wives. Don't harm each other with hurtful words, nor with physical violence. Don't even frown, because that shows frustration and anger,