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In this lecture the Shaykh gives eight pieces of advice directed towards the sisters. These advices are to help the sister stick to her Islaam, as Islaam is a source of her honour.

Firstly: to have the taqwaa of Allaah ta'ala

- To have fear of Allaah in ease and in difficulty
- To fear Him when one feels like doing so and when one does not like doing so
- To fear Him in every place and every time

Taqwaa is a means of all good in this world and the Hereafter. It is a means of gaining the praise of Allaah. It is a means of attaining ease and removing difficulty.

Secondly: to have an understanding of the Deen

- to learn the rules and regulations
- to learn the matters of worship - the least of those matters is to learn that which will aid the completion of the obligatory acts of worship.

With knowledge, the sister will be able to distinguish Tawheed from shirk, sunnah from bid'ah, Haqq from baatil, halaal from haraam, that which is beneficial from that which is harmful.

Thirdly: adhere to her Deen

- whatever challenges come her way, she should be strong, steadfast and upright

Fourthly: the sister must not be similar to the disbelievers

- she should not be similar in her way, actions or manners; or either in her clothing, to the disbelievers
- she should not be similar to the men

Fifthly: the Muslim women should practice the hijaab

- this will bring her closer to Allaah ta'ala
- not coming out of her house except due to a need

Sixthly: the women should stay away from bad habits

- stay away from watching T.V. , listening to music and mixing with men

Seventhly: the sisters should fulfill her responsibilities in the best way

- she should fulfill the rights of the husband
- she should fulfill the responsibilities of the children

Eighthly: adhering to the Deen will earn respect

- honour will be given to the women who honour their deen
- no matter what the challenges she faces, she must stick to her deen

From the questions asked:

1. What should a women do if her husband needs financial support?

Answer: If there is employment that does not involve free mixing. Like medicine and education where she is dealing with women only; or trade where she is making something. Then yes, she can help him in this regard. However, if the work involves mixing with men or being alone with men, then this is something which is not permissible whatsoever.

It is the husband obligation to take care of those under his care. Allaah has place upon the husband the obligation of spending on shelter and clothing of those under his care.

2. Is it permissible to hold the husband's hand while walking in public?

Answer: If the husband fears that if he does not hold his wife's hand she will lose her way, then it is permissible. However, other than that it is not permissible, because it causes attention for people to look at them. The holding of hands is not the practice of the Muslims, but it is the practice of the non-Muslims. It is trying to be similar to the kuffar.

3. If there are children from another marriage, and the sister remarries, what should the husband be called?

Answer: He is not to be called father, but it is common among the Arabs to call him 'uncle'. Other words can be used, as long as the word 'father' is not used.

4. What is the daleel regarding birth control?

Answer: The Muslims should be doing the opposite, they should be having more children. Birth control is permissible in two cases. Firstly, that the individual is

sick, that if she becomes pregnant, it would harm her. Secondly, (unclear audio)

5. Can a sister teach in the masjid if she is on her menses?
6. Is it permissible for the menstruating women to enter the musallaa? Can she touch and read from the Mushaf?

Answer: It is not permissible for a women to be in a masjid while on her menses, except for just passing through. While teaching the women, the area used should be separate from the prayer area. Regarding the Qur'aan, then she can recite it from memory. If she has to touch the Mushaf, then she should wear gloves or use something similar to turn the pages.

7. Should a women be allowed to be led in salaah if the husband leaves out some of the arkaan, because he has not committed them to memory?

Answer: The sister should not pray behind her husband, but she should pray by herself. If she has knowledge of the manners of salaah and he does not know it, then she should pray by herself. If she doesn't have knowledge, then they should pray together.

8. Can the husband's son be the mahram for her?

Answer: The son of the father is the mahram for the father's wife because he is forbidden to her if his father passes away. He is her mahram.

9. What advice would you give to debt that we had prior to Islaam? If we need to go to college, can we take loans?

Answer: If you can get away from doing it, then get away from doing it. But, if it is going to be upon you, then fear Allaah in that regard.

10. If a sister has been married for over two years and has not had relationships with her husband due to his living conditions, i.e. he's in jail. Are they still considered to be married?

Answer: She should be patient and seek her reward from Allaah. She can have someone contact the mufti in Saudi Arabia to study her situation. In general, she could request a divorce or be patient. Or she could go to her husband and request him to give a divorce, because she cannot be patient.

11. Is it permissible for a husband to claim his wife's wages if she works.

Answer: It is not permissible for him to do that. It is his responsibility, even if she had all the wealth, it is not permissible for him to take anything of it. Help one another upon good.

12. Is it permissible to give sadaqah to the poor who are not Muslims, here in America? Like the sadaqaa of fitr.

Answer: The sadaqah of fitr is forbidden except for the Muslims. Sadaqah in general charity is permitted regarding non-Muslims to bring their hearts close to Islam. But, charity is taken from the rich Muslims and given to the poor Muslims.

13. The husband has asked the wife to leave the home. What are her rights?

Answer: He cannot place her outside the house until her 'iddah period has passed.

14. What is the correct way to make tawbah? What du'aa do I say in tahajjud and witr?

Answer: There are three conditions to make tawbah. Firstly, to stop the sin immediately. Secondly, to make an intention to never return to the sin again. Thirdly, to regret/be sad over what took place. Fourthly, if a right of a person has been taken, then you should return his right. Regarding the du'aa, then refer to the book_____

15. If a husband is not taking care of his wife and he leaves his rights. Does he still have that degree over her?

Answer: His rights are not removed. If he does not take care of his rights, then he is a sinner. If it is something that is beyond his control, then it is upon them both to be patient.