

Conversation between **Father & Son**: 7 points - **1. Active Fatherhood**
2. Good Upbringing **3. Effective Communication** **4. Faith With Conviction**
5. Consultation **6. Healthy Testing & Rewards** **7. Leaving A Legacy.**

Today conversation between **Son & Father**. Family can be our greatest strength/weakness, success/failing. Most amazing experiences or most traumatic conflicts are inevitably with family. Family abuse/violence is not just physical, emotional & but spiritual. With our family, uncles, aunts, we feel whole, we belong, without them, alone, abandoned & lost. Sometime its children who need to guide the parents in life.

Story of a teenager 12-15 yrs old – conversation with his father who was part of the elite in society, making idols & status for worship.

"And relate in the book or remember the story of Ibrahim, he was surely an honest/truthful rightly guided Prophet of Allah". (19:41)

1. Be Honest & Truthful To Parents – If you are on Haqq, see practice something wrong, speak to them. Be concerned for their **DEEN & AKHIRAH** not just Dunya/Culture/ Status Quo. Just as you save them from worldly loss, save them from eternal loss. Nothing more important than family. How can **AKHIRAH** be enjoyable without your family?

2. Be Humble & Gentle – Don't Be Afraid To Speak Up/Challenge

"Oh, my dear beloved father, "I can't understand why you worship things that cannot hear, cannot see and cannot benefit you in anything." (19:42)

3. Be Intelligent & Wise– Don't Be Obnoxious

"Oh my dear beloved father, a knowledge has come to me that has not yet come to you. Follow me and I will be able to guide you on that which is a more straighter path, a path that makes more sense." (19:43)

4. Be Concerned & Sincere – Don't Threaten Or Degrade

"Oh, my dear beloved father, don't allow yourselves to follow and obey the evil people and the evil Shaytan. The Shaytan, was always a disobedient one to the Most Merciful. (19:44)

5. Be Compassionate & Hopeful – Don't Be Arrogant

Oh, my dear beloved father, I fear that a punishment may touch you from the most Merciful Allah, & you end up becoming a friend of Shaytan."

Ibrahim عليه السلام is speaking with true love & concern from the depth of his heart. Ibrahim عليه السلام knew his father was tough & stubborn & expected him to follow his way of life. But Ibrahim عليه السلام was standing up for the truth, Allah, himself and his family & future.

Ibrahim's father's status, pride & place in society blinded him to the truth.

"Do you think that you can turn your back on my gods, How dare you turn against your family's pride and honour, If you do not stop talking about this, I'm going to stone you with rocks until you bleed and die." (19:46)

He literally threatened to torture & kill him. You better get out of here! Run away Ibrahim! I disown you. You have no place in my home."

Imagine the heart & eyes & pain of Ibrahim. He knew he could not change the behaviour of his father or those he loved. So he said

"Peace be upon you" He could have replied to his father in a stern horrible way, said Uff to him, your this and your that, but instead said:

"Peace be with you, I will ask Allah to forgive you. I have found that He never denies me any request." (19:47) Allah never abandons/rejects.

And I will stay away from you and what you worship, I will pray to my Lord and know that I will not be disappointed. (19:48)

When parents/family do Shirk/Wrong; this is how you communicate. The way you treat your parents, is how you will be treated. What goes around comes around. Ibrahim عليه السلام said Ya Abati, Ismail عليه السلام said Ya Abati.