

Allah ﷻ, Prophet ﷺ, Life Experiences - teach a core & fundamental lesson

## FRIENDS INFLUENCE, SHAPE & IMPACT US

If friends impact & influence us positively & negatively, what about **Life Partners**? Friends come & go, no moral, legal, eternal responsibility, but **Life Partners** stick with you and are here to stay!

If you want to succeed in Deen & Dunya - **Righteous Spouse & Life Partner**

(24:26) **الْخَبِيثَاتُ لِلْخَبِيثِينَ وَالْخَبِيثُونَ لِلْخَبِيثَاتِ وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ لِلطَّيِّبِينَ وَالطَّيِّبُونَ لِلطَّيِّبَاتِ**

**General Rule:** “wicked filthy women are for wicked filthy men. Vice Versa. Pure righteous women are for pious righteous men”. Vice Versa.

Life partner is an extension / representation of who you are. You choose to live with this people, then why is this not the biggest decision in life!

(2:221) **وَلَا تَنْكِحُوا الْمُشْرِكَاتِ حَتَّىٰ يُؤْمِنَ وَلَا أُمَّةً مُّؤْمِنَةً خَيْرٌ مِّنْ مُّشْرِكَةٍ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ**

**A slave believing in Allah is better than those who have your race, socially or economically equals or those who amaze you.**

**Forbidden Mushriks, Agnostics, Atheists - Ahle Kitab - very very careful!**

**Allah ﷻ praises Zakariya عليه السلام & his, healthy, loving, beautiful partnership**

**(21:90) إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَيَدْعُونَنَا رَغَبًا وَرَهَبًا وَكَانُوا لَنَا خَاشِعِينَ**

**Ideal Couple – helping one another to improve & enter Jannah.**

**(Ibn Majah) رَحِمَ اللَّهُ امْرَأَةً قَامَتْ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ، فَصَلَّتْ وَأَيْقَظَتْ زَوْجَهَا، فَإِنْ أَبِي نَضَحَتْ فِي وَجْهِهِ الْمَاءِ**

**Pushing to piety, goodness & peace. Behind a successful man is woman – vice versa. Partners constantly remind us, push, raise & keep us in check, know us. Be grateful your partner cares for your Akhirah.**

**Before marriage, examine your partner carefully, their religiosity will affect you, family, children, Dunya & Akhirah – means to Heaven or Hell.**

Reflect on a wicked example of a partners, helping one another in evil.

**(111:1-5) تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ... وَامْرَأَتُهُ حَمَّالَةَ الْحَطَبِ**

Allah ﷻ curses the uncle of the Prophet & his wife – Umme Jameel, who used to eavesdrop, manipulate, tell Abu Lahab how to harm Muslims.

They aided one another in evil. In Dunya she would rush back with gossip & news, in Akhirah she will rush back with firewood, fuel of hell.

Reflect on wives of Nuh ﷺ & Lut ﷺ. Righteous servants, best husbands

**ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِّلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَتَ نُوحٍ وَامْرَأَتَ لُوطٍ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا صَالِحِينَ فَخَانَتَاهُمَا فَلَمْ يُغْنِيَا عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ مَعَ الدَّاخِلِينَ (66:10)**

Wife of Nuh ﷺ would undermine the people he converted. Her loyalty was to her people. Betray and leak his secrets, doubting him and the Ark.

Wife of Lut ﷺ betrayed him and told her people, go to these two beautiful men (angels) to satisfy yourselves.

If husband is not pious, doesn't mean the wife has to be impious.

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِّلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا امْرَأَتَ فِرْعَوْنَ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِّن فِرْعَوْنَ  
(66:11) وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِّنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

Worst human being on earth, Firawn – his wife Aasiya, tortured by him, but never abandoned her faith. Just because he was worst of the worst, she did not become like him.

Spouse can influence but you that's not an excuse - do your best in Deen.

Single looking to get married? Think long and hard, single most important decision of life, more important than career, job, city, house; Life Partner.

You're investing your entire energy, emotions, love, wealth, parenthood, future and Akhirah. **BE CAREFUL**, do not be superficial, or just look at beauty, wealth, race, ethnicity, family, - **LOOK AT THE ONE WHO HAS RELIGION AND MANNERS. GOOD BELIEVERS, DEEN AND AKHLAAQ.**

- **Look beyond 1<sup>st</sup> few weeks months & years; children, legacy, Akhirah.**
- **Who is this person, do Istikhara, Deen and Akhlaaq.**
- **If you're already married, each spouse must positively influence their partner. Work together to increase your Imaan, Islaam and Ihsaan.**
- **Your faith is your foundation of your relationship, don't only look at just sense of humour, likes, dislikes, finances, physical compatibility...**
- **If one partner is more practicing than the other, then it can cause problems. Wife practices more, husband does not pray. Husband getting angry at why she's wearing hijab, or vice versa. He doesn't care about Shari'ah, Halal, Haram, or upholding pillars of Islam. Inner peace & stability will be lost, leading to major problems.**
- **Did you come together to complete your Dunya or Deen? What are your true objectives? Make a plan, share your goals and hopes.**

**1.** If you've started practicing more, then be gentle with your partner. Everyone is on their own journey, gently push them upwards to Allah. Just because you love someone, doesn't mean you can fully guide them.

**(28:56)** إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

**2.** Long lectures, harsh rhetoric, threats, nasty, angry is not the best way to gain the hearts of spouse and life partner. Long run, show them positive impact & change in your life. Real Islam has to come from within.

**3.** Choose your battles wisely. Begin with basics, love of Allah ﷻ, love of Prophet ﷺ, avoid major sins. Concentrate bigger battles.

**4.** Spend quality time, not fatwas, lectures, be a good human being.

**5.** Never underestimate power of Dua & keep steadfast.

**LIFE PARTNER = HEAVEN PARTNER – CHOOSE WISELY**