

Quarterly Discussion Topics on Family Life
Domestic Issues and their Solutions
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Reading Assignment pages 11 to 34:

- ❧ Quranic Prayers
- ❧ Islamic Nikah: A Pledge and Marriage Contract
- ❧ Nikah and the Purpose of Marriage: Foundation of Stable Relationships; Injustices of In-Laws Owing to Lack of both truthfulness and righteousness. (Qawl e Sadeed)

Talking Points:

- ❧ Discuss the meaning of **Taqwa** with regards to the commandment of Allah concerning marriage as Huzoor^{ab} has explained in these pages. Give examples of how we can practice Taqwa in our marriage on a daily basis.
- ❧ What does Qawl e Sadeed mean in practical terms?
- ❧ What advice is given to In-Laws?

Helpful Resource for this discussion:

- ❧ ‘Taqwa and Marriage’ Address to the Ladies at Jalsa UK 2011, printed in Garments for Each Other pages 114 – 135.
- ❧ Refer to the Power point presentation on this address given at Shura 2011 available on our website at Shura Archives.

Practical Tools:

- ❧ Resolve to establish Congregational Prayer in your family – at the Mosque, Prayer Centers *but also* in your home.
- ❧ A valuable Prayer for every day – Surah Al Furqan 25:75:
“And those who say, ‘Our Lord, grant us of our spouses and our children the delight of *our* eyes and make us a model for the righteous.”
- ❧ Read and reflect on the below Holy Qur’an verses when you feel stressed in your relationship:

Surah Al Nisa, 4:2

O ye people! fear your Lord, Who created you from a single soul and created therefrom its mate, and from them twain spread many men and women; and fear Allah, in Whose name you appeal to one another, and fear Him particularly respecting ties of relationship. Verily, Allah watches over you.

Surah Al Ahzab, 33:71&72

O ye who believe! fear Allah and say the right word.

He will bless your works for you and forgive you your sins. And whoso obeys Allah and His Messenger, shall surely attain a mighty success.

Surah Al Hashr, 59:19

O ye who believe! fear Allah; and let every soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow. And fear Allah; verily Allah is Well-Aware of what you do.