
Supporting wrongdoing is forbidden

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: My father, who is a heavy smoker, orders me to buy cigarettes for him. Should I obey him? Do I incur sin when I obey my father in that, knowing that disobeying him may cause problems? Please advise. May Allaah reward you with the best.

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: It is obligatory on your father to abstain from smoking due to its many harms. Smoking belongs to the evil things that Allaah (Glorified be He) prohibited. Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) quoted his Prophet (peace be upon him) saying: [...he allows them as lawful At-Tayyibaat (i.e. all good and lawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods), and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khabaa'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons and foods)]. Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) made the good things lawful to His Slaves, as stated in this Noble Ayah (Qur'aanic verse) of Soorah (Qur'aanic chapter) Al-'Araf. And reiterated in Soorah Al-Maa'idah when Allaah says: [They ask you (O Muhammad ﷺ) what is lawful for them (as food). Say: "Lawful unto you are At-Tayyibaat [all kind of Halaal (lawful-good) foods which Allaah has made lawful (meat of slaughtered eatable animals, milk products, fats, vegetables and fruits)].] Allaah (Glorified be He) declares that He made only the good things lawful for His Slaves, and smoking is not from the good lawful things; it is from the bad unlawful things which are harmful to man. Thus, your father as well as all smokers must repent to Allaah (Glorified be He) of smoking and avoid sitting with smokers. A Muslim is not permitted to help anyone in smoking or doing any misdeed. Allaah (Glorified be He) says: [Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwaa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression. And fear Allaah. Verily, Allaah is Severe in punishment.]

It is obligatory on you, your brothers and paternal uncles to advise your father and warn him against smoking in compliance with the Ayah mentioned above and the saying of Prophet (peace be upon him) which reads: [Religion is based on advising one another. Upon this we said: For whom? He replied: For Allaah, His Book, His Messenger, and for the leaders and the general Muslims.]²

I ask Allaah to guide your father to goodness and help him repent of this act and all misdeeds. I ask Him to make you an assistant in goodness; He is All-Hearer, Ever Near.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Related by Imaam Muslim in his Saheeh