

The second question of Fatwa no. 8233

Q: I am a religious young man who is punctual in performing Salah (Prayer), fasts Ramadan in addition to Monday and Thursday, pays Zakah (obligatory charity), and performs all Islamic duties. However, I proposed to marry a girl whom I love and want to be my wife. Her family asked me to put off discussing the marriage issue for one year until she finishes her studies. Actually, I go to them any time I want. Is this permissible? Please, bear in mind that I have never given her an evil look and Allah knows my true feelings towards her.

A: If the reality is as you have mentioned, you will be pardoned to have looked at her with the purpose of proposing to marry her. However, you may not look at her after having known her descriptions and appearance. Moreover, you may not stay alone with her for fear of evil consequences. Furthermore, bear in mind that she will remain a non-Mahram (not lawful to look at, touch, etc.) to you until marriage is contracted. We ask Allah to guide you to that which is proper for you regarding religion and life.

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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