

The third question of Fatwa no. 18857

Q 3: I am an Egyptian married man. Disputes arose between my father and my father-in-law, so my father insisted that I should divorce my wife. He says: "I will repudiate you if you do not divorce her." I have a little girl; what should I do? I am so confused; if I do not divorce her, my father will repudiate me. If I divorce her without a reason, I will wrong not only her but also our little girl. Could you kindly advise and guide me to the right path to follow because I do not want to neglect the rights of anyone? Whom should I prefer; my daughter and her mother or my father who shows hatred for my wife in spite of his deep love for me? I fear his anger. May Allah reward you best.

A: You have to convince your father to change his mind, but if he insists, you must do as he says if his demand is based on a Shar`y (Islamically lawful) excuse. However, if his demand is without a Shar`y excuse, there is no need to obey your father in this because the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"Submission is obligatory only in what is good (and reasonable)."

It is your duty to please your father and ask him for forgiveness; perhaps Allah guides him and he allows you not to divorce your wife.

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

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