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[Good hadith] [Narrated by Abu Daoud & Ibn Majah & Ahmad]

The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) was asked about the wife's right over her husband, so he mentioned several things including the following: First: Do not favor yourself with food over her; rather, you should feed her whenever you eat. Second: Do not favor yourself with clothing; rather, clothe her when you clothe yourself and when you earn money and have the ability. Third: A wife should not be beaten except for a valid reason and necessity, and if there is a need to discipline her, such as neglecting some of her obligations, the striking must be light and not harmful. Furthermore, the face must never be struck, as it is the most honored and prominent part of the body, containing delicate and noble features. Fourth: Do not insult or say: "May Allah disgrace your face," or attribute it or anything of her body to ugliness, which is the opposite of beauty. This is because Allah Almighty is the One Who shaped the human face and body, and He has perfected everything He created. Criticizing the creation indirectly leads to criticizing the Creator, and we seek refuge in Allah from such an act. Fifth: Do not abandon her except in the bed, and do not physically leave her or move her to another house. This applies to typical instances of abandonment that may occur between spouses.



