

Fatwa no. 10853

Q: I want to marry a woman who has good qualities. She studies at a secondary school and has good knowledge of Islam and its rulings. However, my father opposes our marriage because her father is a police officer and he doubts that he may earn unlawful money. In fact, my father is not sure of this and he wants me to marry another woman whom I do not want. Should I marry the woman I want and whose family agree or should I marry the other woman although I do not want her and I might even divorce her, if we got married? It is well-known that one of the conditions of marriage is the consent of the couple.

Is my father's approval a condition for marriage? It is worth mentioning that the approval of the Waliy (a legally accountable person acting for a woman regarding marriage) is one of the conditions of marriage and the Waliy of this woman agrees. We appreciate your guidance, may Allah reward you.

A: If the matter is as you have described, it is permissible for you to marry whoever you want as long as she is religious and chaste. May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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