

13260 - Meaning of good treatment in the hadeeth “... and treats them well...”

the question

What is the meaning of good treatment in the hadeeth of the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him): “Whoever has two daughters and he treats them well, they will be a shield for him against the Fire”?

Detailed answer

Good treatment of girls and others means giving them an Islamic upbringing, teaching them the truth, striving to keep them chaste and keep them away from the things that Allaah has forbidden, such as tabarruj (wanton display) etc. The same applies to taking care of one's sisters and sons, so that all of them will be brought up to obey Allaah and His Messenger, and will keep away from the things that Allaah has forbidden, and will do their duty towards Allaah. Hence we know that good treatment does not simply mean giving them food and drink and clothing only; rather what is meant is something greater than that, treating them kindly by taking care of both their religious and worldly interests.