

## 3975 - Marrying a non-Muslim woman in order to obtain settlement visa

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### the question

i wanna marry a non muslim woman just for papers, without really practicing sex  
should i do sex with her even if i just want to take the papers?is it possible to marry her for that  
purpose?

### Detailed answer

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-‘Uthaymeen, may Allaah preserve him,  
who answered as follows:

If she is one of those whom it is permissible to marry, then there is nothing wrong with that,  
because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “A woman may be  
married for four things” and he mentioned wealth as one of them... and this is akin to that. If he  
marries her in order to obtain the settlement visa, he should not have the intention of divorcing  
her as soon as he gets his settlement. And Allaah knows best.