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ADVICES OF MUFTI EBRAHIM DESAI SAHIB

“When you are in a marital dispute, reconcile with your husband while you have an upper hand. This will be better for your dignity and personal happiness. If you are stubborn or petty and lose that opportunity to reconcile with dignity, you may be forced to reconcile while you are on the back foot due to personal circumstances, then you will have to blame yourself for losing the opportunity to display your dignity which may negatively impact on the future of your marriage.”

“It is part of a successful marriage that both spouses respect each other's families and attend family functions, Nikah, Janazah etc. In some instances, the wife cannot let go of her family and expect her husband to join in all her family get togethers even if the husband is not comfortable. Such pressure on the husband eventually leads to family and marriage related problems. It is therefore best to consider the comfort of your husband as well. While you may be disappointed at his non-participation of your family functions, it is better than the negative consequences of his discomfort in participating in your family gatherings.” [... Read More on [Idealwoman.org](http://Idealwoman.org)]

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**A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE**

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E-MAILED QUESTION:

**Q:** Every human being by nature has an instinct to dispute. This instinct becomes more manifest between the husband and wife, thus leading to marital disputes. How can this instinct be controlled?

**A.** Consider the following ten points to control the instinct of dispute and maintain a happy marriage.

**1**  
**Fear Allah:** It was the noble practice of Nabi (SAW) to conscientise the spouses about the fear for Allah before performing a Nikah by reciting the verses (Nisa v14, Ahzab v69, Aali-Imraan v101) from the Quraan. All the verses are common in the message of Taqwa (fear of Allah). The spouses will be first committed to Allah before being committed to their partner. There can be no doubt in the success of a marriage governed by the fear of Allah.

**2**  
**Never be angry at the same time:** Anger is the root cause for all marital disputes. One Sahabi came to Rasulullah (SAW) and sought some advice. Rasulullah (SAW) replied, control your anger. The same advice was rendered three times. (Mishkaat pg.433; HM Saeed)

**3**  
**If one has to win an argument, let it be the other:** Nabi (SAW) said: "Whoever discards an argument despite being correct shall earn a palace in the centre of Jannah. (Ibid pg.412)

**4**  
**Never shout at each other unless the house is on fire:** Luqman (AS) while offering advice to his son said: " and lower your voice for verily the most disliked voice is that of a donkey". (Surah Luqman v19)

**5**  
**If you have to criticize, do it lovingly:** Rasulullah (SAW) said, 'A Mu'min is a mirror for a Mu'min.' (Abu Dawud vol.2 pg.325; Imdadiyah) Advise with dignity and silently.

**6**  
**Never bring up mistakes of the past:** Nabi (SAW) said: "Whoever conceals the faults of others, Allah shall conceal his faults on the day of Qiyaamah." (Mishkaat pg.429; HM Saeed)

**7**  
**Neglect the whole world rather than your marriage partner:** Nabi (SAW) confirmed the advice of Salman to Abu-Darda [RA] for neglecting his wife. "Verily there is a right of your wife over you." (Nasai Hadith 2391)

**8**  
**Never sleep with an argument unsettled:** Abu Bakr [RA] resolved his dispute with his wife over-feeding the guests before going to bed. (Bukhari Hadith 602)

**9**  
**At least, once everyday, express your gratitude to your partner:** Nabi [sallallaahu alayhi wasallam] said, 'Whoever does not show gratitude to the people has not shown gratitude to Allah.' (Abu Dawud )

**10**  
**When you have done something wrong, be ready to admit it and ask for forgiveness:** Nabi [sallallaahu alayhi wasallam] said, 'All the sons of Aadam commit error, and the best of those who err are those who seek forgiveness.' (Tirmidhi 2499)