

Who is a Faasiq and what is his Status in the Shari'ah?

Q: Imaan-54 : What is the definition of a Faasiq and what is his status in the Shari'ah? The commission of which sins renders a person a Faasiq?

Answer: A person who commits a major sin or who habitually commits a minor sin is called a Faasiq. The testimony of a Faasiq is not accepted. Hadhrat Moulana Muhammad Shafee RAH. has written a detailed treatise on what the major and minor sins are in his book Gunaa be Lazzah. Refer to this book for more details. Some of the major sins include:

- \* Not performing salaah
- \* Performing salaah before or after its time
- \* Not paying zakaah
- \* Stealing
- \* Playing music
- \* Exposing the Satr in front of others (as is common on the beaches and at swimming pools)
- \* Allowing the garments to fall below the ankles out of pride
- \* Backbiting
- \* Carrying tales
- \* Giving false evidence
- \* Taking false oaths
- \* Usurping people's wealth
- \* Taking interest on loans
- \* Accepting bribes
- \* Disobeying parents
- \* Devouring the wealth of orphans
- \* Severing family ties
- \* Speaking ill of the Sahabah RADI. (as the Rawaafidh, Khawaarij and followers of Maududi do)
- \* Speaking ill of and searching for the faults of Ulema and Huffaadh
- \* Failure to enjoin good and forbid evil when able to do so
- \* Gambling (practised in the name of lotteries nowadays)
- \* Assisting another person in acts of sin or encouraging another to sin
- \* For an Aalim not to practise on the knowledge he possesses
- \* Peering into the homes of others
- \* Entering another person's home without permission
- \* Consuming alcohol
- \* To mock at people's lineage
- \* Dancing

As stated earlier, habitually committing minor sins will also render one a Faasiq. Some examples of minor sins are:

- \* Intentionally looking at non-Mahram women
- \* Mocking at another Muslim, even though by signs or insinuations and even though the truth is

spoken

- \*Keeping the company of a Faasiq
  - \*Taking impurities into the Masjid
  - \*Stockpiling essential goods so that the price may escalate
  - \*Engaging in trade after the Jumu'ah Adhaan has been called out
  - \*Keeping dogs as pets just for the love of it
  - \*Keeping alcohol in the house
  - \*Urinating while standing
  - \*Looking up and to the sides while performing salaah
  - \*Using inferior wealth when paying zakaah
  - \*Issuing more than one divorce
  - \*Divorcing one's wife while she is menstruating
  - \*Failing to give one's children equally (there is, however, no harm in giving more to any child on account of their capabilities, knowledge or efforts)
  - \*Having gold slits inserted between the teeth
  - \*Waiting at home for the Iqaamah after already having heard the Adhaan
  - \*Greeting with Salaam by only waving the hand
  - \*Entertaining ill thoughts of a fellow Muslim
  - \*Listening to music
  - \*For a person to insist on leading the people in salaah when they are unhappy with him on some reasonable account
  - \*Discarding one's dirt on the street
- And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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