

Is it permissible to use birth control because one is afraid to have children due to the corruption of society?

Is it permissible to use birth control so that a person has a child every five years, because he sees the corruption in society and would not be able to raise a lot of children close in age in this overwhelmingly corrupt society?

Praise be to Allaah.

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

So long as this is the intention, then it is not permissible to do this, because it reflects a lack of trust in Allaah with regard to the hadeeth of the Prophet

(peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) who said

“ Marry the one who is loving and fertile... ”

But if the birth control has to do with the condition of the woman – because she cannot cope with repeated pregnancies – this may be permissible, but it is better not to do it.

Question: Do you mean that it is more important to pay attention to the woman ’ s condition than to the corrupt nature of society?

Answer: Of course, because there is no certainty that one ’ s children will be corrupt; they may be righteous people who will bring benefits to society. And Allaah knows best.