1137 - Wants to marry a woman but his parents do not approve of her

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I am a muslim brother who wants to get married, but i need to know what my rights are, as well as what rights my parents have over me, when it comes to the question of marriage. my parents are XXX muslims, traditionalists.

I want to marry this muslim girl, she has agreed to marrying me. i am in the last year of my degree & i really do love this girl. however, one thing that i have done wrong is that i have touched her intimatly & i can't help myself when i am near her. i am scared of this, as i do know that any contact is strictly forbidden, but i cannot control myself. i have not gone any further than touching. the reason as to why i want to marry her is not just in order to satisfy my desires, but to take care of her i every other way as well. i have known her for over 6 years, but the last year has been the most difficult. please can you give me any info or help on this matter.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

You must repent to Allaah for what you have done and stop whatever haraam deed you are doing, whether it is major or minor. If you feel that in order to stop doing this haraam deed you have to marry this woman even if your parents do not agree, then go ahead and marry her, because that is the lesser of two evils, and try to please them in other ways as much as you can. See Question #988, 1114 and 1805. We ask Allaah to protect us and you from committing haraam deeds.