9329 - Ruling on father taking back a gift that he had given to his son

the question

Is it permissible for a father to ask to take back a gift that he had previously given to his son?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

That is permissible if it serves a valid interest and if the son is able to return it, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “It is not permissible for a Muslim man to give a gift and then take it back, except in the case of a gift given by a father to his son.” (Narrated by Imaam Ahmad, Abu Dawood, al-Tirmidhi, al-Nasaa’i and Ibn Maajah. Classed as saheeh by al-Tirmidhi, Ibn Hibbaan and al-Haakim).