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That is, husbands who die and leave behind wives must make a will.

﴿should bequeath for their widows a year's maintenance without them having to leave [their marital homes]﴾ that is, they should leave instructions stating that the wives should stay in their houses for one year, and not leave.

﴿But if they leave their homes﴾ by their own choice ﴿there is no blame on you﴾, O guardian ﴿for what they do with themselves, provided it is reasonable. And Allah is Almighty, Most Wise﴾. This refers to them going back to wearing adornment and perfume, and the like. Most of the commentators are of the view that this verse was abrogated by a previous verse, in which Allah says: ﴿If any of you die and leave widows behind, they should refrain from marrying again for four months and ten days﴾ (2: 234). It was also suggested that it was not abrogated; rather the first verse indicates that four months and ten days is obligatory, and anything more than that is recommended and should be done in order to fulfil the husband's right and to take care of the wife's welfare. The evidence that this is recommended is that in this verse it says there is no blame on guardians if the women leave before this year has ended; if it was obligatory for them to stay in the husband's house, it would not say that there is no blame on the guardians in that case.



﴿وَالسَّالِقَاتِ مَتَعٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۖ حَقًّا عَلَى الْمُتَّقِينَ﴾ ﴿٢٤١﴾ كَذَلِكَ يَبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ  
لَكُمْ ءَايَاتِهِ ۚ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٤٢﴾ ﴿سورة البقرة: ٢٤١-٢٤٢﴾