



Seventh question from Fatwa No. 6899:

Q: A Muslim should be grateful to his father and mother, but what if they refuse to pray and fast, or refrain from other acts of worship? Is it permissible to treat them like Muslims; to eat with them and so?

A: If the situation with this person is, as you mentioned; he refuses to pray, fast, or do other rituals of Islam, he will be considered a Kafir (disbeliever) according to the most reliable view of the scholars' two views. He should be asked to make tawbah (repentance to Allah) for three days. If he makes tawbah, it is good. Otherwise, the Muslim ruler must apply the ruling of Shari`ah i.e. executing the apostate. Also, it is not permissible for a Muslim to be intimate with or visit the apostate except for advising, sermonizing, and guiding him, perhaps he will make tawbah.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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