

## Muslim's inheritance from a Kaafir

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### Question:

A family is composed of a father, a mother, four sons, and four daughters. They were all Christians. Three sons and one daughter converted to Islam. Their father died and left them a huge fortune which is around 18,000,000 Saudi Riyals. Do the children who embraced Islam have the right to inherit from their non-Muslim father?

### Answer:

If the matter is as mentioned, the Muslim children whose father died as non-Muslim will not inherit. The origin of this ruling is what is related by Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim on the authority of Usamah ibn Zayd (رضي الله عنه)<sup>1</sup> that the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)<sup>2</sup> said: **Neither a Muslim inherits from a disbeliever, nor does a disbeliever inherit from a Muslim.**

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

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<sup>1</sup> (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

<sup>2</sup> (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him