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Working for a person who rents apartments for people who commit abominable acts

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Q: I work in furnished apartments and rooms. I see practices that incur the Wrath of Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted), yet I am silent for fear of troubles and quarrels and sometimes due to weakness of faith. Such abominable practices include: sodomy, wine drinking, gambling and adultery, but drinking wine and drug abuse are the most common practices. My employer does not oppose committing such unlawful acts. Sometimes I feel ashamed of myself that I offer Salah (Prayer) while I help such people find a room to drink wine in it. I do not even tell them that we have no vacant rooms nor call the police to arrest them because I know that the police will not prevent them from committing such unlawful acts. I hope you will advice me in this regard. Is the salary I receive from this work lawful or not? What is the solution to my problem? It should be noted that if I ask my employer to give me a vacation, he will refuse and if he gives me a vacation, he will deprive me of my right as he keeps the salary of three months. May Allah reward you with the best!

A: It is not permissible for you to work for a person who rents furnished rooms and apartments

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to be used in committing sins and abominable acts, for this is cooperation in committing sin and transgression. The money you receive in return for this is unlawful because you gain it in return for unlawful work. You should seek Allah's Provision through another job. There are many lawful means to gain your livelihood apart from this unlawful work. Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted) says, ﴿ And whosoever fears Allāh and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). ﴾ And He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine. May Allah make all difficulties easy for you and for all Muslims. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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