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☉ **Abdullah bin Amer bin Kareez** said:

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» "If the means of earning is good, the expenditure becomes pure."

☉ **Wahb bin Kaisan** reported:

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» **A man came to Abu Hurairah and said:** "I passed by so and so, and I found him giving charity to poor people." Abu Hurairah said: "Come on! Giving a Dirham as a charity, which I earned through hard work, is beloved to me more than charities of these people, more than one hundred thousand and one hundred thousand for one hundred thousand."

☉ **Ibn 'Umar** said:

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» "I asked for 'Umar's permission to go to Jihad." He ('Umar) said: "You fought with the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him." I asked for his permission again and he said the same. When I asked for his permission for the third time, he said: "By Allah, I fear that Muslims gain spoils and say: 'That is Abdullah bin 'Umar the Commander of the Faithful; give him from spoils,' while Allah, His Messenger, kindred, orphans, the needy and the wayfarer have right in these spoils, and you rape this right (by taking spoils that they give to you)."

☉ **Al-Meswar bin Makhrama** said:

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» Money was brought to 'Umar bin Al-Khatab during his caliphate. 'Umar remained looking at that money, and then he wept. Abdelrahman bin 'Aouf said to him: "Why you are crying, O Commander of the Faithful? You should feel gratitude at this situation." 'Umar said: "By Allah, when I give this money to people, enmity and hatred spread among them."





☀ **Ibn Abbas** said:

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» ‘Umar called me. When I came to him, I found a leather mat upon which there was gold. ‘Umar said: “Go and divide (this gold) between your people. Allah knows whether giving this gold to me is good or evil as He did not give like this to His Prophet peace be upon him or to Abu Bakr?” I (Ibn Abbas) was about to go to divide the gold, but I heard ‘Umar weeping and he was saying: “Nay, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, Allah did not prevent this gold for His Prophet peace be upon him or Abu Bakr for an evil that may afflict them because of it, and then gave it (the gold) to ‘Umar willing the good for him.”

☀ **It happened that Abu Masood Al-Ansari mentioned the world, and then said:**

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» “Lead it with asceticism. By Allah, you will not reach the Hereafter with a Dinar or Dirham, and you will leave everything in the world (after your death) as those before you left it. They fought and quarreled for it as you do, and it will make you lose your religion and your world.”

☀ **Abu Al-Darda’** said:

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» “There are few lawful means for earning money. Whoever earned money through unlawful means to become rich, he has committed an evil act except stealing money of the orphans and widows; (that is more evil). And whoever earned money through lawful means and spent it in lawful means, this removes sins as the heaven water (rain) removes dust from soft stones. And whoever earned money through unlawful means and spent it in unlawful means, this is the chronic illness (evil).”





☀ **Muhammad** said:

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» **Ibn Amer entered upon Ibn ‘Umar and said:** “A man earns money and keeps relation with his relatives and does so and so with it.” Ibn ‘Umar said: “You do not know who deserve to do that for, but look into the beginning of the money; if it came through evil ways, then all of it is evil.”

☀ **Al-Qasim bin Al-Waleed Al-Hamdany said about Allah’s** saying:

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» “To him We give a new life, a life that is good and pure”: “This means the good earning.”

☀ **Abu Dharr** said:

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» “On the Day of Judgement, the reckoning of the owner of two Dirhams is severer than the reckoning of the owner of one Dirham.”

☀ **Ahmed bin Abi Al-Hawary** said:

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» “On the Day of Judgement, a man who earned his money through lawful means and spent it through unlawful means will be brought, and it will be commanded against him to be cast into Hell. And a man who earned his money through lawful means and spent it through lawful means will be brought, and (Allah) will say: Make that man stand for reckoning.”

☀ **It happened that Abu Masood Al-Badri mentioned Dinars and Dirhams and** said:

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» “Do not keep busy with the. By Him in Whose Hand the soul of ‘Uqbah bin Amer is, you will not reach the Hereafter with a Dinar or Dirham, and you will leave them (Dinars and Dirhams) in the world





(after your death) as those before you left them. They fought and quarreled for them as you do, and they will make you lose your religion and your world.”

☀ Al-Awza’y said:

» “One day, lawfulness and unlawfulness of money will not be mentioned, but their sins will remain. A person is not pious and does not fear his God until he makes his food and speech good and pure.”

☀ ‘Ubaidellah bin Shumait bin ‘Aglan said:

» **My father said to me:** “Dinars and Dirhams are the affliction of hypocrites, which will lead them to Fire.”

☀ Abdullah bin Yazeed Al-Bahli said:

» When I was at Madinah, I saw a man whom people ran away from him. I asked him: “**Why people ran away from you?**” He said: “That is because I prohibit upon them the treasures that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him prohibited upon them.” I said: “Our grants have increased these days. **Do you fear the treasures upon us?**” He said: “I do not fear them upon you nowadays, but it is about that (these treasures) will become the price for your religion. When it becomes so, leave these people and treasures.”

☀ Mujahid said: Iblis said:

» “If son of Adam defeated me, he will not be able to defeat me in three fields: Taking money unlawfully, not to spend it in its due, or keeping it from its due.”





☀ 'Umar said about Allah's saying,

» "If they (the Pagans) had (only) remained on the (right) Way, We should certainly have bestowed on them rain in abundance": "Wherever there is water, there is money; and wherever there is money, there is affliction."

☀ Al-Hasan said:

» By Allah, if any of them wants to take this money through lawful means, he can take it, (but they do not take it). It is said to them: "You do not want to take your lawful portion of this money." They said: "We fear that it might corrupt our hearts."

☀ Abdullah bin Al-'Izar said:

» **Abdullah bin 'Umar said:** "Earn for your world as if you will leave eternally. And work for your Hereafter as if you will die tomorrow."

☀ Al-Hasan said:

» **Qais bin Asem Al-Minqary said to his sons:** "Beware of begging; it is the last means of earning money. When a man begs from people, he will lose (other means of earning). Seek money through good ways, for it is a motive for noble person, and makes you in no need to wicked person."

☀ Saeed bin Al-Mosayeb said:

» "A wise man should like keeping money without restraining it, for this is generosity; with money, a man will abstain himself from begging from others, he will honor himself, and he will keep good relation with his relatives."







☀ Shumait said:

» A worshipper among the Children of Israel used to say: “O Allah, help me upon my religion with the world, and help me upon my Hereafter with piety.”

☀ Muhammad bin Al-Monkader said:

» “The best aid for the religion is being rich.”

☀ Al-Hasan bin ‘Imran said:

» I heard Makhol saying: “Some sustenance is an aid for religion.”

☀ Suffian Al-Thawry said:

» Among their supplication was: “O Allah, make us abstain from world and ease it for us, and do not deprive us of it so that we do not desire it.”

☀ Bilal bin Saeed said:

» ‘Umar bin Al-Khattab delivered a speech on his pulpit and said: “O Arab, purify this money for it is alluring and sweet. This money is about to reach the wicked ruler or the clever merchant.”

☀ Al-Qasim bin Muhammad said:

» During the caliphate of ‘Umar when money increased and bestowals appeared, people abstained from acquiring sustenance. Thereupon ‘Umar said: “O people! Make good your livelihoods, for this will improve your states and make you keep relations with others.”





☀ Al-'Alaa bin Zyad said:

» 'Umar said: "Seek beauty and make good money, and beware of saying: I do not care."

☀ Huwaiteb bin Abdel'uza said to 'Umar bin Al-Khattab:

» "O Commander of the Faithful! You obligated bestowals for Arab, and this ruined them; they depend on bestowals and leave trade." 'Umar said: "Who can deprive them of bestowals!"

☀ Abu Zabian Al-Azdi said:

» 'Umar said to me: "How much is your bestowal?" I said: "It is two thousand and five hundred." He ('Umar) said: "Make use of camels of good production to amend the field or adopt a craft, for princes of Quraysh will rule you, and they will deprive you of this bestowal."

☀ Ibn Abza said:

» Dawood peace be upon him said: "The best aid for religion is wealth."

☀ Saeed bin Al-Mosayeb left many Dinars (after his death). When he was about to die, he said:

» "O Allah, you know that I did not collect these (Dinars) except to protect Your religion, to keep good relations with my relatives, not to beg from people, and to repay my debt. There is no good in a person who does not collect money to be in no need to others, to keep relations with his relatives, to repay his debt, and to protect his religion."





☀ Khalid bin Safwan said:

» “Do not care for anything you do if you keep these two qualities: Your religion for your Hereafter and your Dirham for your livelihood.”

☀ ‘Abdah Al-Qurashy said:

» Suliman Al-Farsi was seen holding Dinars in his hands. He was asked about that. He said: “If it were not for these (Dinars), these (kings) would ridicule us.”

☀ Suffian said:

» “Whoever possesses anything and can increase it, let him do that; for in this time if a man is in need, the first thing he forsakes is his religion.”

☀ An old man of Quraysh said:

» **It was said:** “Whoever generously spends his money, he has exerted himself, for he has offered his support.” It was also said: “Keeping money without greed is a grant from Allah upon him.”

☀ Abu Saleh Al-Asadi said:

» “I realized that the goodness of the world and the Hereafter lies in piety and being rich. And I realized that the evil of the world and the Hereafter lies in poverty and debauchery.”

☀ Al-Hasan said:

» “It is not a sign of loving the world seeking to gain what benefit you.”





☉ Suffian Al-Thawry said:

» “In this time, money is the weapon for the believer.”

☉ Mu’awyah bin Abdullah said:

» I heard Ka’b saying: “The first one who hit Dinars was Adam; he hit them and said: Livelihood cannot be good without them.”

☉ Mirdas bin Rafinah Abu Rafeeq said:

» I asked Wahb bin Munabih about Dinars and Dirhams, and he said: “They are seals from the Lord of the Universe; He made them for livelihoods of the son of Adam. They (Dinars and Dirhams) cannot be eaten. Wherever you use a seal from the Lord of the Universe, your need will be fulfilled.”

☉ Al-Miqdad bin Ma’di Karib said:

» “A time will come upon the people, when nothing will be benefit except Dinar and Dirham; (he means after the fear of Allah).”

☉ Al-Manhal bin Hakim bin Buhr bin Hakim said:

» Ibn ‘Aoun and his cousin were talking where the cousin said: “You love Dirhams?!” Ibn ‘Aoun said: “They benefit me.”

☉ Muhammad bin Sireen said:

» “Having Dirhams removes worry.”

**Shortly, good money is an aid to good person.**





☀ Suffian Al-Thawry said:

» “We used to hate money for a believer, but nowadays the best aid is the believer’s money.”

☀ It was said to a wise man:

» “Who is better: Scholars or rich people?” He said: “It is the scholars.” It was said to him: “How is it that scholar seek rich people more than rich people seek the scholars?” He said: “That is because scholars know the favor of the rich people, and the rich people ignore the favor of the scholars.”

☀ Juraih reported that

» ‘Ata’ said about Allah’s saying, “To whom I granted resources in abundance,” he said: “This means the resources of a month by month.”

☀ Hudain bin Al-Mondher said:

» “I wished that I have gold equal to Mount Uhud (in weight) to benefit from it.” It was said to him: “Why you want that?” He said: “For I will have many people serving me for it.”

☀ Ibn Abu ‘Utbah said:

» Salman bought a load of food. It was said to him: “You buy a load of food!” He (Salman) said: “The soul feels safe when it obtained what strengthen it.”





☀ **Al-Qasim** said:

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» **Salman was asked:** “which thing is good?” He (Salman) said: “It is Islam and its goods.”

☀ **Ibn Al-Mubarak** reported:

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» **A man from Basra said:** Malik bin Dinar bought much flour and dates. It was said to him: “O Abu Yahia. What is this?” He said: “That is fasting and prayer (i.e. they aid me upon them).”

☀ **A servant of Talha bin ‘Ubaidellah** said:

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» “The revenue of Talha bin ‘Ubaidellah reached one thousand every day.”

☀ **Su‘da bin ‘Aouf** said:

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» Talha bin ‘Ubaidellah entered upon his wife while he was sad. She said to him: “What made you sad?” He said: “That is because I collected some money.” She said: “Send to your people and divide it between them.” He sent to his people and divided it. I (Su‘da) asked the warehouse: “How much he divided that day?” He said: “It was four hundred thousand.”

☀ **Abdelrahman bin ‘Aouf** said:

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» “How lovely money is! With it, I keep relation with my relatives and draw near to my Lord.”

☀ **‘Urwah bin Al-Zubair** reported:

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» **Al-Zubair said:** “Money helps in doing good actions, keeping good relations with relatives, spending for the sake of Allah, practicing



good manners, and combining between the honor and the pleasure of the world.”

☀ **Abdullah bin Al-Zubair** reported:

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» **Al-Zubair said to me:** “Buy for me the house of so and so at Al-Hairah even if it reached ten thousand.” I said: “Ten!” He said: “Yes, even if it reached twenty thousand.” I said: “Glory be to Allah!” He said: “Buy it even if it reached thirty thousand. By Allah, spending my money is more beloved to me than feeling angry.” I said: “That is to be gain pride among people.” He said: “By Allah, there is no harm about the world. The Hereafter will not be reached except through the world. Through it, relations with relatives are kept, good actions are done, and righteous actions are done to draw a person near to Allah. Beware of sharing your companions in doing sins and then say: ‘May Allah curse the world;’ the world is not guilty.”

☀ **Hakim bin Qais bin Asem** said:

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» **His father said at the time of his death:** “O my son, you have to make money; it is a motive for the noble person and keeps a person in no need to the wicked person.”

### To Complete

☀ **Saeed bin Al-Mosayeb** said:

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» “There is no good in a person who does not love money; for with money, he can render back his trusts, he can keep relations with his relatives, and he can keep himself in no need to the creation of his Lord.”





☀ Muhammad bin Souk said:

» A man asked Saeed bin Jubair about the prohibition of the Prophet peace be upon him to waste money, he (Saeed) said: “That is Allah bestows upon you a lawful sustenance, and you spend it unlawfully.”

☀ Hisham said:

» Muhammad was asked about dissipation, **and he said:** “That is to spend money wrongly.”

☀ Al-Sha’by said:

» **Mu’awyah said to Al-Ahnaf:** “What is your consideration about generosity?” He (Al-Ahnaf) said: “That is to be well-versed in religion, to be dutiful to your parents, and to make your money good.” Then, Mu’awyah sent to Yazeed: “Listen from your uncle.”

☀ Mu’awyah asked a man from Thaqif:

» “**What generosity means?**” He said: “It is to fear Allah Al-Mighty and to make your livelihood good.”

☀ Abu Bakr Abdullah bin Abi Mariam said:

» Abu Hurairah was asked about generosity, whereupon he said: “It is to continue in attending assemblies, to have lunch and dinner at yards of the houses, and to make your money good.”

☀ A man said to Mu’awyah:

» “Generosity is to make money good, to be kind, and to show love to people.”







☀ **Mu'awyah** said:

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» “Making a good fortune is better than asking the surplus from people. Good management of sufficient provision is beloved to me more than many things.”

☀ **'Umar bin Al-Khattab** said:

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» “O people! Make good your money that Allah provided you with; for reducing the expense with kindness is better than spending much with cruelty.”

☀ **Abu Yazeed Al-Madiny** said:

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» ‘Umar bin Al-Khattab came to us while food from Egypt was brought to us through the sea. We put the food in the houses. ‘Umar saw food thrown on the road. He collected it putting it in his clothes, and said: “Do not do that again.”

☀ **Ahiha** said:

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» “Fear Allah regarding your money. You will remain noble among your people as long as you are in no need to people.”

» Some people came to Qais bin Sa’d bin ‘Abada and asked him for a sedan. They found him in his garden picking up dates and dates of inferior quality; he was putting each kind alone. When they saw him doing that they did not expect that he would fulfil their need, but he did. They said to him: “This does not refer to your first deed.” He said: “I give you from the outcome of what I pick up.”

» A man entered upon Muhammad bin Ali in his garden, and found him wearing a garment and holding a shovel to turn water at his





palm trees from one side to another. The man said to Muhammad: “You do not have what suffice you?” He (Muhammad bin Ali) said: “A believer shall be well-versed in his religion, measure his livelihood, and deal with people in a fair manner.”

☉ Hisham bin Abdelmalik said to his employee:

» “Collect Dirhams together, and this will form your fortune.”

☉ Hisham bin Abdelmalik said:

» “Three matters do not degrade a noble person: Taking care of his province, making his livelihood good and seeking the right even if it is little.”

☉ Al-Husain may Allah be pleased with him said:

» “The best money is that what helps in preserving the honor.”

☉ 'Umar bin Al-Khattab said:

» “O people, make your livelihood good as this will benefit you and help you keep relations with others.”

☉ Marwan bin Al-Hakam said to Wahb bin Al-Aswad Al-Thaqafi:

» “What is your consideration about generosity?” He (Wahb) said: “It is chastity and making money good.”

☉ Abdelmalik said to a man of Quraysh:

» “We consider kindness and giving money to be honor, and consider making money and reforming it to be generosity.”





☀ Mu'awyah said:

» “The evil of knowledge is forgetting, the evil of worship is showing-off, the evil of superiority is arrogance, the evil of intellect is vanity, the evil of reforming is greed, the evil of kindness is dissipation, the evil of forbearance is obscenity, the evil of modesty is humiliation, the evil of love is weakness, and the evil of wit is exaggeration.”

☀ An old man of Quraysh reported:

» **It was said:** “Bankruptcy results from bad measurement.” It was also said: “Managing livelihood is an excellent deed, and preserving money without greed is a grant from Allah Al-Mighty.”

☀ Abu Al-Darda' said:

» “Managing your livelihood is a sign of your understanding.”

☀ Al-Hasan said:

» “A believer took from Allah a good conduct; if (Allah) made his livelihood good, he (the believer) would make it eased for himself, and if his livelihood is destitute, his life would be tighten upon him.”

☀ Al-Asma'i reported on the authority of his father:

» **It was said:** “Good management of money reduces half of the expense, and making money good is one of the two winners (because of its bless).”





☀ **Al-Hajaj said to a Bedouin:**

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- » “Who is better among your people?” He said: “Those who fear Allah more by seeking the Hereafter and abstaining from the world.” He (Al-Hajaj) said: “Who among them deserve more to be leaders?” He (the Bedouin) said: “Those who keep their patience when they are neglected and those who show their richness when they are asked.” Al-Hajaj said: “Who among them are cleverer?” The Bedouin said: “Those who keep the secret fearing to be accused one day (of revealing the secret).” Al-Hajaj said: “Who among them are more shrewd?” The Bedouin said: “Those who make his money good and save their livelihood.” Al-Hajaj said: “Who among them are kinder?” The Bedouin said: “Those who meet their companions with a smiling face, and who keep their rights by accepting their invitations, visiting their patients, greeting them, following their funerals, and advising them in secret.” Al-Hajaj said: “Who among them are more intelligent?” The Bedouin said: “Those who know the appropriate talk with men at assemblies.” Al-Hajaj said: “And who among them are stronger?” The Bedouin said: “Those who are steadfast in supporting certain matters and in trusting (Allah), and who prevent their neighbors from wronging others and of being wronged.”

☀ **Al-'Ayzar bin Huraith said:**

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- » “I found that kindness is one of the two winners; whoever does not make his livelihood pliant, he will live in misery.”

☀ **Wahb bin Munabih said:**

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- » “Diversity is half of earning, showing love is half of reason, and good acquiring the need is half of knowledge.”





☀ **Al-Hasan:**

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» “Good acquiring the need is half of knowledge, kindness is half of living, and a person will not be poor when saving his livelihood.”

☀ **An old man of Quraysh said:**

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» **It was said:** “The key to consciousness is good management, and the door to safety is moderation.” It was said: “Being moderate in everything, even in walking and sitting, is a good matter.” It was also said: “A thrifty poor is better than a spendthrift rich. When the wealth of a person increases, he would become arrogant, and when it decreases, his arrogance disappears.” It was said: “Having little money with good management is better than having much money with extravagance.” It was said: “What the ugliness of humiliation at the time of need is, and what the ugliness of arrogance at the time of richness is!” It was said: “Facing poverty with a good manner is better than begging from people.” And it was said: “If you feel sorrow for what you lose, it would be better feeling sorrow for what you did not gain.”

☀ **Abu Al-Aswad Al-Duali said to his son:**

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» “O my son, if Allah increases your sustenance, make your livelihood eased; and if Allah provides you little, tighten your livelihood. And do not try show generosity with more than what Allah provided you; for Allah is More Noble, More Able and More Generous.”

☀ **Abdelazeez bin Marwan wrote to his son ‘Umar bin Abdelazeez:**

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» “O my son, know that a man who does not have any money should not be borrowed anything (as a debt), a man who does not manage his livelihood will not have money and a man who has no companions has no generosity.”





☉ Abdullah bin 'Umar reported that 'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him said:

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» "Allah Al-Mighty has not created any way of death beloved to me after being killed for the sake of Allah more than dying while carrying luggage, travelling through the land, seeking of Allah's bounty."

☉ Yazeed bin Ibrahim said:

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» When an Arab came to Muhammad bin Sireen, he (Muhammad) would say to him: "Why you do not work on trade? Abu Bakr was a merchant of Quraysh"

☉ Mujahid said about Allah's saying,

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» "Give of the good things which you have earned": "This refers to earning through trade."

### To Complete

☉ 'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him said:

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» "O reciters (of the Qur'an), raise your heads; the way (of right) has become clear. So strive (as in a race) towards all that is good, and do not be dependents upon Muslims."

☉ Muhammad bin Sireen reported from his father who said:

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» I witnessed the Sunset prayer with 'Umar bin Al-Khattab, and he saw a package with me. He ('Umar) asked me about that package. I said: "That is my package. I trade with it in the market." Thereupon he said: "O people of Quraysh! Do not let this man and his companions overcome you in trade, for it is third of the power."





☀ **Ibn Abi Malika reported that**

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» ‘Aisha may Allah be pleased with her said: “Abu Bakr was a prominent tradesman in Quraysh, until he became the Caliph.”

☀ **Ayoub said:**

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» Abu Qilabah used to command me to keep on witnessing market and having a profession, saying: “Richness is achieved through well-being.”

☀ **Zaid bin Thabet passed by Al-Hakam bin ‘Utaibah**

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» while a group of people were with him. He (Zaid) said to him: “You left the market and sit with these people. Go to the market; it is better for you.”

☀ **Hammad bin Zaid said:**

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» I heard Ayoub saying: “If I knew that my children need a bundle of herbs, I would not sit with you (to fulfil their need).”

☀ **Abu Wael said:**

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» “Earning a Dirham by trade is beloved to me more than getting ten gifts.”

☀ **Saeed bin Al-Mosayeb said:**

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» “Whoever stayed at Masjid all the time leaving the craft and accepted gifts that are given to him, he has begged (from people) pressingly.”





☀ **Saeed bin Al-Mosayeb** said:

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» “Companions of the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him used to trade at sea of the Romans. Among them were Talha bin ‘Ubaidellah and Saeed bin Zaid bin Amr bin Nufail.”

☀ **Al-Haitham bin Jamil** said:

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» I said to **Ibn Al-Mubarak**: “Can I trade at sea?” He said: “Trade at land and sea, and keep yourself in no need to people.”

☀ **Abdullah bin Dinar and Musa bin ‘Uqbah** said:

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» “If any of you find good in any kind of trade, he shall stick to it.”

☀ **Ibn ‘Umar** said:

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» “If any of you does not find his sustenance (from trade) in a country, he should seek trade at another country.”

☀ **‘Umar** said:

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» “Whoever trades on something for three times and does not succeed in it, he should turn to trading on something else.”

☀ **Abu Yahia Amr bin Dinar** said:

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» I was with Salem bin Abdullah and we wanted to pray. He looked at the market and found that tradesmen have veiled their goods and called to prayer. Thereupon Salem recited Allah’s saying: “By men whom neither traffic nor merchandise can divert from the Remembrance of Allah,” and said: “This verse refers to such people.”







☀ **Affan** said:

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- » A man saw Al-Hasan bin Yahia in Abyssinia for trade. The man asked Al-Hasan about the reason for being in Abyssinia. When Al-Hasan told him, the man said: “You do all this for seeking the world?” Al-Hasan said: “O man, what urges me to do that is disapproval to be in need to people like you.”

☀ **Al-Sha’by** said:

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- » “Half of the sustenance is found in trade.” They said that the other half (of sustenance) is being moderate regarding livelihood.

☀ **Mu’awyah** said to **Amr bin Al-As**:

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- » “What is generosity?” He (Amr) said: “It is chastity and having a profession. My father may Allah show mercy upon him said to me: If a man did not seek his provision and did not avoid sitting (with no work) for a long time, close people would leave him and he would become a burden upon people. Provisions are not only gained by patience, but they are fated.”

☀ **Abu Al-Aswad Al-Duali** said:

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- » “Seeking provision is not gained by wishing; put your bucket among buckets of others; one day it will be full, and other day it will have few water (i.e. a man should seek his provision and strive to gain it, and he should know that he will not earn all days).”

☀ **Jacob bin Muhammad bin Talha** said:

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- » when Ishaq bin Yasar, the servant of family of Makhrama, passed by us while we were making clothes, he used to say: “Keep on your trade, your father Abraham (the Prophet) was a cloth merchant.”





☀ **Abu Al-Zaher** said:

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» “Prophet Dawood peace be upon him used to make scuttles and sell them, and he was living from his trade.”

☀ **An old man of Quraysh** said:

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» ‘Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him said: “If I were to be a tradesman, I would trade on perfume. If I do not profit from it, I will gain its smell.” Some wise men said: “A man in the world seek three matters, and he cannot get them except through four matters. The three matters are: Easiness of living, having honor among people and preparing to the Hereafter. And the four matters are: Earning money through good ways, managing it well, spending it through appropriate ways, and spending it with no excess nor niggardliness. Whoever misses these four matters, he will not gain the three.” Some wise men also said: “The rich man is the one who makes affairs of his world and Hereafter good.”

☀ **Abu Dharr** used to say:

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» “O my son, seek the provision.”

☀ **An old man of Quraysh** said:

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» Some people of Banu Asad entered upon Mu’awyah. He asked them about their trade, whereupon they said: “We sell slaves.” **He (Mu’awyah) said:** “What a bad trade is! You miss a man and its profit is few.” He refers to the danger of considering the soul as a commodity like animals.





☀ Mu'awyah said to a man:

- » “What is your trade?” He (the man) said: “It is selling camels.” Mu'awyah said: “You do not know that their mouths and skins are used in plowing, their dung is used as firewood, and their meat is good.”

☀ Abdullah bin Abi Awfa passed by money-changers.

- » He called them: “O money-changers! Glad tidings are for you.” They said: “May Allah give you glad tidings with Paradise.” He said: “Receive announcement that you will be in Fire.” Al-Hasan said: “By Allah, money-changing is usury. By Allah money-changing is usury.”

☀ Ali bin Muhammad said: It was said:

- » “Detriment are in two things: expensiveness and badness. So if you (buy) new things, you save yourself from one of the two defects.”

☀ Mu'awyah said:

- » “I know the cheapest and the most expensive things at the market.” It was said to him: “How?” He said: “I know that the good thing is cheap and the bad thing is expensive.”

☀ Yunus bin Ishaq said:

- » Ali passed by a slave girl who was buying meat with a Dirham. She was asking the seller to give her more (meat). Ali said to the seller: “Give her more; this will increase the blessing of the profit.”





☀ Khalid bin Dinar Abu Khaldah said:

» I heard Abu Al-'Alia saying: "When you buy something, buy the finest thing."

☀ Muhammad bin Harb said:

» A tradesman entered upon Mu'awyah and Mu'awyah argued with him about the price. The tradesman said: "What reached me about you is not like what you do (arguing to decrease the price)." Mu'awyah said: "What reached you about me?" He (the tradesman) said: "Your generosity." Mu'awyah said: "That is when I give by hand, but I do not do that when the price is blurred upon my mind."

☀ 'Umar bin Abdelazeez approved

» selling through arguing to decrease the price and through overcoming the seller with intelligence.

☀ Amr bin Muhajer said:

» A great substance that produce perfume was brought to 'Umar bin Abdelazeez. A man said loudly: "O Commander of the Faithful, fear Allah. I appeal to Allah, then to you." 'Umar said: "What happened?" The man said: "I sold this perfume to Suliman bin Abdelmalik with nine thousand Dirhams, while its price is eighteen thousand Dirhams. 'Umar said: "Have they forced you (to sell it)?" The man said: "No." 'Umar said: "Have they frightened you?" The man said: "No." Thereupon 'Umar said: "You have no right. I wished that I do not sell or buy anything except with permission of its owner."

» When Mu'awyah came to Madinah, he met a Jew and argued with him about the price of some goods. Mu'awyah wanted to buy it with





five hundred Dirhams, while the Jew wanted to sell with six hundred Dirhams. Mu'awyah increased fifty Dirhams. The Jew said to him: "It reached me that you give at one assembly thousand-thousand Dirhams and you argue with me about that (little price)? Mu'awyah said: "I buy from you with my mind and you want to deceive me, but what I give at assembly is generosity."

☀ Mu'awyah asked an old man:

» "Which money is best?" He (the old man) said: "It is a bubbling spring in a cultivated land, which is self-supporting." Mu'awyah said: "And then what?" He said: "It is a horse that bears a horse in its womb and that another horse follows it." Mu'awyah said: "How about sheep? You do not mention them." The man said: "That would be for others than you, O Commander of the Faithful. That is for the one who would undertake their affairs by himself." Mu'awyah said: "How about gold and silver?" He said: "O Commander of the Faithful, they are like two shaking mountains; if you spend from them, they will come to an end; and if you leave them, they will not increase."

☀ Mu'awyah said to Sa'sa'ah:

» "Which money is best?" He said: "It is a black grain (caryopsis) planted in a dusty land, or a yellow ewe at a green land, or a bubbling spring in a cultivated land." Mu'awyah said: "How about gold and silver?" He said: "O Commander of the Faithful, they are like two shaking mountains; if you spend from them, they will come to an end; and if you leave them, they will not increase."

☀ 'Umar bin Abdelrahman bin 'Aouf said:

» When Sahl bin Hunaif divided money between us, my nephew said: "I will tell you a recommendation; if you follow it, it is better for





you than the money of your father if you take it alone. Know that a foolish person will not collect money, and a man who manages well his money will not become poor. And know that the best money is what feeds you and you do not feed it (i.e. it helps you get your living affairs and does not need you to spend upon it), even if it is little. And know that having slaves reflect your honor, but it is not money, and the cattle are money. Equipment that works on the land is not money, we used to do that by ourselves and our wives and children, but people neglect these tasks nowadays. If you would for sure to take something, take a farm. If you are active, you will plant it; and if you leave it, you will not lose.”

☉ **Malik bin Dinar** said:

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» **I read in Torah:** “He is blessed in his life and death him who works by his hand and eat.”

☉ **Suliman said about Allah’s** saying:

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» **“O you Messengers!** Enjoy (all) things good and pure, and work righteousness,” he said: “It is a man’s working by his hands.”

☉ **‘Isa ibn Mariam peace be upon him** said:

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» “Allah Al-Mighty likes that a servant learns a profession and keeps himself in no need to people by it, and He hates that a servant acquires knowledge and takes it as a profession.”

☉ **‘Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him** said:

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» “Learn a profession; it is close that you will need to a profession.”

**To Complete:**





- ☀ **'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him said:**
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- » “A way of earning that includes some meanness is better than begging from people.”
- ☀ **Al-Hasan bin Thakwan said: Dawood peace be upon him said:**
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- » “My Lord recommended nine characteristics to me. He recommended me with: fearing Him in secret and public, being just at the time of anger and pleasing, being moderate at the time of richness and poverty, keeping relation with my relatives, giving those who deprived me, forgiving those who wronged me, using my sight in observing lessons, keeping silence to think, and making my sayings be supplications.”
- ☀ **'Umar bin Abdelazeez used to say:**
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- » “Among the most beloved matters to Allah Al-Mighty are: Moderation at hard work, forgiveness in a state of power and kindness when having authority. And whoever shows kindness (towards others) in the world, Allah will show kindness towards him on the Day of Resurrection.”
- ☀ **Khaithamah bin Abdelrahman said:**
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- » **Suliman bin Dawood may Allah be pleased with them said:** “We have experienced all ways of living, and we find that the minimum living is sufficient.
- ☀ **Suffian Al-Thawry said about Allah’s saying:**
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- » “Those who, when they spend, are not extravagant and not niggardly,” **he said:** “They spend money on its due places and they do not neglect its due; they hold a just (balance) between those extremes.





☀ Hisham bin Hassan said

» Muhammad bin Sireen was asked about extravagance, whereupon he said: "It is to spend money not in its due positions."

☀ Al-Hasan said:

» "Characteristics of a believer are: Having strong belief, being steadfast with lenity, being a leader for certainty, having tolerance with knowledge, having intelligence with money, attributing for right, moderation with richness, abstaining from begging at the time of poverty, having benevolence with ability, being pious before desires, keeping virtue before hardships, keeping patience before adversity, being strong at hard times, showing lenience at good times, being grateful and not being overcome by anger, having no tendency to sins, not being a joker, not being an arrogant, not harming the neighbor, not rejoicing at the misfortune, not being overcome by his desire, not falling because of his lust, not being squandered because of his tongue, not being overwhelmed by his aspiration, not neglecting his house, not being a miser, not being a spendthrift, not being a niggard, having sufficiency with his own self, people have hopes for him, no suspicion affects his faith or manner, not being ungrateful at the time of happiness, not being unsatisfied at the time of sadness, guiding those who consult him, and his friends feel happiness for accompanying him."

☀ 'Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him said:

» "It is enough for a man to become an extravagant that he eats all what he wishes."

☀ Mu'awyah said:

» "Moderation is the basis of living, and half supply is sufficient for you."







☀ Mu'awyah said:

- » “I never saw extravagance except when a right is missed because of it.” It was said: “A thrifty poor is better than a spendthrift rich.” A wise man said: “Overcome your desire against corruption and intend to achieve moderation so that money will come to you. Moderation restrains from great sin. It achieves comfort for the body, pleases God and protects from sins.”

☀ Ja'far bin Muhammad reported from his father:

- » “Children of Israel used to clean themselves after defecation with bread, so Allah afflicted them with hunger and they were seeking grasses to eat.”

☀ Yahia bin Jabir said:

- » “A woman of the Children of Israel cleaned her boy after defecation with a piece of bread and then put it in a hole. Then Allah afflicted her with hunger and she ate that piece of bread.”

☀ Al-Hasan said:

- » “Allah had increased sustenance for people of a country until they were cleaning after defecation with bread; so Allah afflicted them with hunger until they were eating their defecation.”

☀ Al-Nu'man bin Bashir said:

- » “A devil has plots and traps. Among these plots and traps are: ungratefulness for the favors of Allah Al-Mighty, arrogance with grants of Allah, showing pride against servants of Allah Al-Mighty, and following desire away from Allah Al-Mighty.”





☀ Ali may Allah be pleased with him said:

» “Voracity hardens the heart.”

☀ Al-Hasan said:

» ‘Umar entered upon his son, and his son had meat. ‘Umar asked him about the meat, whereupon his son said: “We longed for the meat, so we bought from it with Dirham.” ‘Umar said: “Whenever you longed for meat, you buy it?! It is enough for a man to become an extravagant that he eats all what he wishes.”

☀ ‘Umar said:

» “By the One in Whose Hand my soul is, if it were not that my good deeds are decreased, I would live in easiness like you.”

☀ Al-Ahnaf bin Qais said:

» We got out with Abu Musa to ‘Umar. ‘Umar had three breads; he used to eat one with milk one day, one with butter another day, one with meat the third day, and one with oil another day. But people were eating as they wish, giving excuses to themselves. ‘Umar said to them: “I notice your deed, and I know living more than you. If I wished, I would eat crackers, butters, roasted meat and raisins, but I keep my good deeds. Allah Al-Mighty mentioned some people and said: “You received your good things in the life of the world, and you took your pleasure out of them.”

☀ ‘Umar said:

» “O people, do not pass by food tables. If you wished to eat meat, eat meat once, another time butter, a third time oil, and a fourth time salt.”





☀ Ali may Allah be pleased with him said:

» “A man is not a protector and maintainer of his family until he can eat anything to fill his hunger and can wear any clothes (i.e. he does not care for good food and clothes to save money for his family).”

☀ Al-Hasan invited a man to eat with him. When they finished, the man said:

» “I ate (too much) and I cannot (walk) to return (i.e. his stomach is full).” Thereupon, **Al-Hasan said:** “Glory be to Allah! A believer does not eat to this extent.”

☀ Al-Mubarak bin Fadala said:

» It was said to Samurah bin Jundub: “Your son ate too much yesterday.” Thereupon **Samurah said:** “If he died (because of voracity), I would not pray upon him.”

☀ Abu Qilabah said about Allah’s saying,

» “Then, shall you be questioned that Day about the joy (you indulged in, in the world),” **he said:** “The verse includes some of my people who mix butter and honey with other food and eat them.”

☀ Ibn Sireen said: A man came to Ibn ‘Umar and said:

» “Shall we not bring you some sweet food?” He (Ibn ‘Umar) said: “For what?” The man said: “Something that you can eat when feeling hungry, and would give you energy.” Ibn ‘Umar said: “I did not eat that food until I became full of it since four months. And this is not because I did not find that sweet food, but I knew people who hungered once and filled their hunger once.”





☀ Wuhaib bin Al-Ward said:

» A scholar met another scholar who is over him in knowledge. The first scholar asked the other: “May Allah show mercy upon you! Tell me about the extent of food that we can eat without extravagance.” The other said: “It is the food that fills your hunger without being full.”

☀ Al-'Ansy said:

» I asked Al-Hasan about a man who buy food and meat (**whenever he longs for them**)? **Al-Hasan said:** “Umar bin Al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him said: It is enough for a man to become an extravagant that he eats all what he wishes.”

☀ Hafsa (the Prophet's wife and the daughter of 'Umar) said:

» “O Commander of Faithful! Why not you wear clothes softer than what you wear and eat food fresher than what you eat! Allah Al-Mighty has opened the land before you and increased the good?” Thereupon ‘Umar said: “I will make you judge upon yourself. You do not remember the hard life that the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him led?” He kept reminding her of that hard living until she cried, and he (‘Umar) said: “I have told you that, by Allah, I will share them (the Prophet and the Companions) their hard living so that I may share with them their easy living.”

☀ Ali bin Abi Taleb may Allah be pleased with him said to 'Umar:

» “If you want to reach the degree of your companions (the Prophet and Abu Bakr) and be with them, you have to reduce your hope, eat without reaching fullness, not to make the garment long, and repair the shoes; you will reach them.”





☀ 'Ubaidellah bin Humaid said:

» My grandfather passed by 'Umar bin Al-Khatab, and he (my grandfather) was wearing a gown. 'Umar asked him about the price of the gown, whereupon he said that he bought it with sixty Dirhams. 'Umar asked him about his money, whereupon he said that his money is one thousand Dirhams. 'Umar hit him with his whip and said: "Your capital is one thousand Dirhams and you buy a gown with sixty Dirhams! Your capital is one thousand Dirhams and you buy a gown with sixty Dirhams!"

☀ Hanzalah bin Abu Suffian said:

» "I saw Salem bin Abdullah wearing a garment with four Dirhams and a shirt with five Dirhams; however, he is wealthy."

☀ 'Umar may Allah be pleased with him said:

» "By Allah, I think that you will put your provisions that Allah bestowed upon you in your stomachs and on your skins, leaving your widows, orphans and poor people."

☀ Isma'il bin Abi Khaled said:

» When Hakim bin Jabir was at the time of his death, it was said to him: "Free your boy-slave." He said: "My son has no money except that boy-slave." It was said to him again: "Free your boy-slave." He (Hakim) recited: "Let those (disposing of an estate) have the same fear in their minds as they would have for their own if they had left a helpless (weak) offspring behind."

☀ Amer said:

» "There is no money greater in reward than money that a man left for his children; keeping them in no need to people."





☀ Ibn Abi Al-Zenad reported from his father:

» Huwaiteb bin Abdel'uza sold a house with forty thousand Dinars. It was said to him: "O Abu Muhammad, no one is known having forty thousand Dinars." He said: "Forty thousand Dinars are not much for a person who has five children."

☀ Ka'b said: Luqman said to his son:

» "My son, if you become poor, resort to your Lord Alone, pray and supplicate to Him, and ask Him from His Favor and treasures as none possess them except Him. And do not ask people so that you do not become low among them and they do not give you anything."

☀ Ibn Abbas said:

» "Severe calamity is that you be in need to what people have and they prevent you."

☀ Suliman bin Abdelmalik said:

» "Severe calamity is being poor after richness."

☀ Yunus bin 'Ubaid said:

» "A person in need should have strong belief and intense mind."

☀ An Arab said to his son:

» "My son, know that grave (i.e. death) is better than poverty and being blind is better than looking at what people have. (And know that) a characteristic of the noble is that he depends upon women."





(And know that) whoever becomes low among people, is humiliated; and whoever feels secure of poverty, will become poor. (And know that) the best richness is content, and the worst poverty is humiliation; if others are afflicted (with poverty with humiliation), do not share, and if you are afflicted, be patient; both of them are good.”

☀ Kathir bin Ziyad said:

» **Ziyad asked some people:** “Who is the best (the most blessed) person?” They said: “It is Mu’awyah, O Commander of Faithful.” He said: “How about his soldiers! And How about his affairs!” They said: “Then it is you, O Prince.” He said: “How about my soldiers and plans!” They asked: “Then who is the best person?” He (Ziyad) said: “It is a young worshipping man who fulfills needs of his living and does not beg from us.”

☀ Muhammad bin Wasi’ said:

» **“Worldly (pleasure) is achieved in three matters:** Performing prayer in congregation, sitting with scholars and essential elements for living, which you do not need from people and for which no one has favor upon you.”

☀ Abu Muslim Al-Khawlany said:

» “Make clear your sufficiency for people as this clears your richness; reduce asking your needs from people as this bring poverty; beware of speaking of what make you apologize; perform prayer as if it is your last prayer; and if you can make your state today be better than that was yesterday, and make your state tomorrow be better than that is today, do that.”





☀ A man wrote to his brother:

» “**To proceed:** I recommend you to fear Allah Al-Mighty, to be content with Fate, and to accept what (Allah) Al-Mighty knows regarding the time (of death) and the provision. Allah Al-Mighty has fated for every soul a stated provision that cannot be changed, so do not let your certain provision abstain you from deeds obliged upon you. Some men kept busy with their provisions until they tired their bodies and prolonged their travels, and finally they could not increase their fated provisions. May Allah grant us and you content and pleasing; for he who contents will be pleased with the fate of Allah Al-Mighty. Peace be upon you!”

☀ Wuhaib bin Al-Ward said:

» “Poverty from which people seek refuge is poverty of heart.

☀ Suffian bin 'Uyainah said:

» **I heard people saying:** “Poverty is like death. They consider less provision be poverty. They think that poverty is to be not content completely with the fate of Allah Al-Mighty. Allah Al-Mighty talked about some people and began with: “For the poor emigrants.”

☀ Saeed bin Abdelazeez said:

» “Servants are not afflicted with anything severer than poverty.”

☀ A wise man wrote to his brother:

» “**To proceed:** Make content be your supply until a means of provision is opened before you. Expense of a contented person does not low him, and Allah Al-Mighty aids patient people. Waste is so close







to a grieved person. Poverty may be a way of Allah's Discipline and be the good for the person. Fortunes of people are of degrees. So, do not accelerate something that is not in its appropriate time, for it would be fresher at its time, and the One who manages your life (Allah) knows best the better time for you to get it. Trust that Allah chooses the best for you at all your affairs. Peace be upon you."

☀ **Abu Hurairah** said:

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» I was invited to a wedding, and I went with my (old) clothes, so the gatekeeper sent me back. I returned and changed my clothes and went again to the wedding and entered. I asked the sleeve of my clothes to eat. It was said to me: "Glory be to Allah! You ask the sleeve to eat! May Allah forgive you!" Thereupon I said: "It is my clothes which are invited to the wedding."

☀ **Suffian** said:

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» "If it were not for our estate, these people would ridicule us."

☀ **Abu Salamah Suliman bin Sulaim** said:

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» I entered upon Muhammad bin Ali Abu Ja'far at his house. He introduced before us bread and some food mixers and said: "O Abu Salamah, we are the people whom if Allah increased our provision, we would make our living eased; and if He made it tightened, we would be patient, until Allah Al-Mighty bestows something upon us."

☀ **Suffian Al-Thawry** said:

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» "You have to keep yourself in no need to all people, resort to Allah to fulfil your needs, and take refuge in Him from what afflicts you."





☀ **Al-Haitham bin Jamil** said:

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» “It reaches me that a man degrades me, and I remember that I am in no need to him; so this matter become of no important to me.”

☀ **A wise man** said:

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» “When a man avoids me and I remember that I am in no need to him, his avoidance does not affect me.”

☀ **A man** said to **Ibrahim bin Adham**:

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» “How is your day?” He (Ibrahim) said: “I am good as long as no one bears my provision except me.”

☀ **Qais bin Al-Harith** said:

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» “What a bad state of a person who is in need to a piece of bread from another man.”

**Finished, praise be to Allah!**

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