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السُؤال والطّلب عن الناس Begging And Asking People

1. Begging weakens the tongue of the speaker, breaks the heart of the courageous hero, puts the free honourable one in the position of a humbled slave, takes away the radiance of one's face and wipes out one's sustenance.

2. Begging is the collar of humiliation, it takes the honour away from the honourable and the stature away from the noble.

3. Humiliation [and disgrace] is in asking from people.

4. Begging is the key to poverty.

5. The bane of asking [others] is lack of success [in getting what one asks for].

6. If you want to be obeyed [or your request to be granted] then ask for that which is feasible.

7. Let your request be for a thing, the charm of which will last for you long after the negative consequences [of your asking] have ended.

8. One who asks properly is aided.

9. Whoever asks [from] other than Allah deserves to be deprived.

10. One who increases his requests from people is humiliated.

11. One who asks for that which he does not deserve is faced with deprivation.

12. One who repeats his request to the people, they get irritated by him.

13. One who asks for that which is above his rank deserves to be deprived.

14. When one does not protect his dignity from [the humiliation of] asking you, then preserve your

honour by not turning him away.

15. Your countenance is like frozen water that is melted by asking; so [be careful and] consider whose presence you are melting it in.

16. Do not ask the one from whom you fear deprival.

17. Never turn away the beggar, even if he exceeds the limits.

18. Do not turn away the beggar and safeguard your magnanimity by not depriving him.

19. There is no humiliation like asking [for something from others].

20. There is nothing more tormenting than having to ask from the ignorant out of desperation.

21. Verily you are in greater need of the reward for that which you give than the asker is [in need] of that which he takes from you.

22. Verily you will gain more joy by [the reward of] what you have given than the one who seeks from you gains in what he has received from you.

23. Give the beggar before he asks, for indeed if you make it necessary for him to ask, then you will have taken from his dignity that which is greater than what you have given him.

24. Give your wealth generously to the one who has sacrificed his self-respect for you, for indeed the sacrificing of self-respect cannot be matched by anything.

25. Give generously when you are asked.

26. Seeking one's need from he who is not worthy [of being asked] is harder than death.

27. What an evil trait importunity is!

28. Sacrificing one's dignity by begging is greater [in value] than the extent of one's need, even if it is great and even if it is granted.

29. Sacrificing one's dignity in front of the wicked is the greatest death.

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