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## Characteristics related to the Number Five

### A businessman must avoid five things

من باع واشترى فليجتنب خمس خصال وإلا فلا يبيع ولا يشتري: الربا والحلف وكتمان العيب والمدح إذا باع و  
الذم إذا اشترى

Whoever engages in buying and selling should avoid the following five things; otherwise he must not do any business. They are as follows: usury, swearing at something or someone, covering up the defects of his goods, praising goods while selling them and finding faults (undervaluing) with goods while buying them. [1](#)

### Requirements of knowledge

جاء رجل إلى النبي صلى الله عليه وآله فقال: "يا رسول الله ما العلم؟" قال: "الانصات"، قال: "ثم مه؟" قال: "الاستماع له"، قال: "ثم مه؟" قال: "الحفظ له"، قال: "ثم مه؟" قال: "العمل به"، قال: "ثم مه؟" قال: "ثم نشره"

A man asked the Prophet (S): "O Prophet of God! What is (the requirement of) knowledge?" The Prophet (S) replied: "Silence." The man asked: "What is next?" The Prophet (S) replied: "Listening to knowledge (i.e. those who are knowledgeable)." The man asked: "And what is next?" The Prophet (S) replied: "Remembering it." The man asked: "And what is next?" The Prophet (S) replied: "Acting upon it." The man asked: "And what is next?" The Prophet (S) said: "Spreading and sharing it with others." [2](#)

### The best of people are those who do five deeds

سئل رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله عن خيار العباد، فقال: "الذين إذا أحسنوا استبشروا وإذا أسأؤوا استغفروا  
وإذا أعطوا شكروا وإذا ابتلوا صبروا وإذا غضبوا غفروا"

The Prophet of God (S) was asked about the best of people. He replied: “They are the ones who rejoice when they do good and repent when they do evil. They thank you when you do something good for them and persevere in the face of calamities. They forgive (others) when they get angry.” [3](#)

[1.](#) P. 463, No 39.

[2.](#) P. 465, No 44.

[3.](#) P. 515, No 100.

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