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Open Handedness

Open Handedness الجُود

Generosity

التَّرغيبُ بِالجُودِ

الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : جُدْ بِما تَجِدُ تُحْمَدْ1 ..

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Be openhanded with whatever you find, and you will be commended.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4716]

لإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : جُودُ الرّجُلِ يُحَبِّبُهُ إلى أضْدادِهِ ، وبُخْلُهُ يُبَغِّضُهُ إلى أولادِهِ2 ..

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Man's open-handedness endears him to his opponents, and his stinginess makes him hated even by his children.'[Ibid. no. 4729]

لإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الجُودُ مِن كَرَمِ الطَّبيعةِ3 ..

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Open-handedness is of the nobility of [man's] nature.'[al-Irshad, v. 1, p. 303]

لإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ) : الجُودُ عِزٌّ مَوجودٌ4 ..

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Open-handedness is a present honour.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 330]

5ـ الإمامُ الحسينُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : مَن جادَ سادَ.

5– Imam al-Husayn (a.s.) said, ‘He who is open-handed rules.’[Kashf al-Ghamma, v. 2, p. 242]

The Best Open-Handedness

أفضلُ الجودِ

6ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : أجْوَدُ النّاسِ مَن جادَ بنَفسِهِ ومالِهِ في سبيلِ اللّهِ.

6– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The most open-handed of people is he who gives freely of himself and his wealth in the way of Allah.’[Nawadir al-Rawandi, p. 20]

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : أفضَلُ الجُودِ ما كانَ عن عُسْرَةٍ.

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The best form of open-handedness is that expressed in spite of hardship.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3185]

8ـ الإمامُ الحسينُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : إنّ أجْوَدَ النّاسِ مَن أعطى مَن لا يَرجو.

8– Imam al-Husayn (a.s.) said, ‘The most open-handed of people is he who gives without expectation.’[Kashf al-Ghamma, v. 2, p. 242]

The Attributes of the Open-Handed Person

صِفَةُ الجَوادِ

9ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : لا يَكونُ الجَوادُ جَواداً إلّا بثَلاثةٍ : يَكونُ سَخِيّاً بمالِهِ على حالِ اليُسْرِ والعُسْرِ ، وأنْ يَبْذلَهُ للمُستَحِقِّ ، ويَرى أنَّ الّذي أخَذَهُ مِن شُكْرِ الّذي أسْدى إلَيهِ أكْثَرُ مِمّا أعْطاهُ.

9– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘The open-handed cannot be considered open-handed unless he has three [attributes]: he is generous with his wealth both in times of ease as well as hardship, bestows it on the deserving, and finds the gratitude of the one he gave to greater than what he gave him.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 231, no. 27]

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