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1- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) : إنَّ اللّهَ تعالى يُحِبُّ العَبدَ المؤمنَ المُحْتَرِفَ.

1- The Prophet (S) said, 'Truly Allah loves the servant who is faithful and engaged in a profession.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 9199]

2- جامع الأخبار عن ابن عبّاس : كانَ رسولُ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) إذا نَظَرَ إلى الرّجُلِ فأعْجَبَهُ ، قالَ : هَل لَهُ حِرْفَةٌ؟ فإنْ قالوا : لا ، قالَ : سَقَطَ مِن عَيْني . قيلَ : وكيفَ ذلكَ يا رسولَ اللّهِ ؟! قالَ : لأنَّ المؤمنَ إذا لَم يَكُن لَهُ حِرْفَةٌ يَعيشُ بدينِهِ.

2- It is narrated in al-Khisal that whenever the Prophet (S) looked at a man who pleased him, he used to ask, 'Does he have a profession?' If they said, 'No', he would say, 'He has lost his worth in my eye.' They would then ask, 'O Messenger of Allah! Why is that?!' He would reply, 'Because when the believer has no profession, he subsists off his religion.'[Jami'a al-Akhbar, p. 390, no. 1084]

3- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) : تَعَرّضوا للتِّجارَةِ ؛ فإنَّ فيها غِنىً لَكُم عَمّا في أيْدي النّاسِ ، وإنَّ اللّهَ عزّوجلّ يُحِبُّ العَبدَ المُحْتَرِفَ الأمينَ.

3- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Undertake yourselves to trading, for there lies therein your independence from what others possess, and verily Allah, Mighty and Exalted, loves the trustworthy servant who is engaged in a profession.'[al-Khisal, p. 621, no. 10]

4- عن جَعفرِ بنِ محمّدٍ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) أنّه سألَ بعضَ أصْحابِهِ عَمّا يتَصَرَّفُ فيهِ ، فقال : جُعِلتُ فِداكَ ، إنّي كَفَفْتُ

يَدي عنِ التِّجارَةِ . قالَ: لِمَ ذلكَ؟! قالَ: انْتِظاري هذا الأمرَ . قالَ: ذلكَ أعْجَبُ لَكُم ، تَذْهبُ أمْوالُكُم ! لا تَكْفُفْ عنِ التِّجارَةِ والْتمِسْ مِن فَضْلِ اللّهِ ، وَافْتَحْ بابَكَ وابْسُطْ بِساطَكَ واسْتَرْزِقْ رَبَّكَ.

4- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) once asked one of his companions about his means of income. He said, 'May I be your ransom. I have given up trading.' Imam asked why, and he answered, 'I am waiting for this rule [i.e. the reign of your government].' Imam said, 'That is strange from you. Your wealth will perish. Do not abandon trading, and seek out the bounty of Allah. Open your door and exhibit your goods, and seek out the sustenance of your Lord.'[Mustadrak al-Wasa'il, v. 13, p. 10, no. 14578]

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