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1ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): وَيحَ المُسرِفِ ، ما أبعَدَهُ عن صَلاحِ نفسِهِ واستِدراكِ أمرِهِ!

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Woe betide the wasteful person, how far he is from self-improvement and from redressing his situation.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 10092]

2ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): السَّرَفُ مَثواةٌ ، والقَصدُ مَثراةٌ..

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Wasting leads to stagnation [of wealth] whereas thriftiness causes it to thrive.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 72, p. 192, no. 9]

3ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إعطاءُ المالِ في غَيرِ حَقِّهِ تَبذيرٌ وإسرافٌ..

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The giving of wealth to an undeserving cause is squandering and wasting.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 126]

4ـ الإمامُ زينُ العابدينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ في الدعاءِ ـ: وامنَعْني مِنَ السَّرَفِ ، وحَصِّنْ رِزقي مِن التَّلَفِ ، ووَفِّرْ مَلَكَتي بالبَرَكَةِ فيهِ ، وأصِبْ بي سَبيلَ الهِدايَةِ لِلبِرِّ فيما أُنفِقُ مِنهُ.

4– Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said in one of his supplications, '...hold me back from wastefulness, fortify

my provision against ruin, increase my possessions through blessing them, and set me upon the path of guidance through piety in what I spend of it.'[al-Sahifat al-Sajjadiyya, Supplication 20]

Distinguishing Characteristics of a Wasteful Person

عَلاماتُ المُسرِفِ

5ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أمّا علامةُ المُسرِفِ فأربَعةٌ: الفَخرُ بالباطِلِ ، ويَأكُلُ ما لَيسَ عِندَهُ ، ويَزهَدُ في اصطِناعِ المَعروفِ ، ويُنكِرُ مَن لا يَنتَفِعُ بِشَيءٍ مِنهُ .

5– The Prophet (S) said, 'There are four characteristics distinguishing a wasteful person: pride in his wrongdoing, eating that which does not belong to him, refraining from acts of courtesy, and refusal to acknowledge anyone who is of no use to him.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 22]

6ـ عن إسحاق بنِ عَمّارٍ: قلتُ لأبي عبدِاللّهِ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): يكونُ للمؤمِنِ عَشرَةُ أقْمِصَةٍ؟ قالَ: نَعَم ، قلتُ: وَعِشرينَ؟ قالَ: نَعَم ، وليسَ ذلكَ مِنَ السَّرَفِ ، إنّما السَّرَفُ أن تَجعَلَ ثَوبَ صَونِكَ ثَوبَ بِذْلَتِكَ.

6– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) was once asked by Isq b. 'Aammar, 'Can a believer own ten shirts?' To which he replied, 'Yes.' 'What about twenty?' to which he replied, 'Yes. And no, that would not be wasting, for indeed wasting is when you wear your formal finery as casual wear at home.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 79, p. 317, no. 1]

7ـ الإمامُ العسكريُّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): إنَّ للسَّخاءِ مِقداراً ، فإن زادَ علَيهِ فهُو سَرَفٌ.

7– Imam al-'Aaskari (a.s.) said, 'Generosity has a set limit, and if taken to extremes becomes squandering.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 69, p. 407, no. 115]

Insignificant Yet Wasteful Acts

أدنَى الإسرافِ

8ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنَّ مِنَ السَّرَفِ أن تَأكُلَ كُلَّ ما اشتَهَيتَ.

8– The Prophet (S) said, 'Eating anything and everything that one desires is wasting.'[Kanz al-'Ummal,

no. 7366]

. ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أدنَى الإسرافِ هِراقَةُ فَضلِ الإناءِ ، وابتِذالُ ثَوبِ الصَّونِ وإلقاءُ النَّوى9

9– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The lowest degree of wastefulness is to spill out the remains of a container [instead of finishing it], to wear one's formal finery as casual wear at home, and to throw away fruit pits.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 75, p. 303, no. 7]

That Which is Not Counted As Waste

ما لا يُعَدُّ مِنَ الإسرافِ

. ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لا خَيرَ في السَّرَفِ ، ولا سَرَفَ في الخَيرِ10

10– The Prophet (S) said, 'There is nothing of good to be found in waste, and nothing of waste to be found in good.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 165, no. 2]

ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لَيسَفيما أصلَحَالبَدَنَ إسرافٌ... إنّما الإسرافُ فيما أتلَفَ المالَ وأضَرَّ بالبَدَنِ11

11– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'There is no waste in anything that improves the body...rather waste is found in all that squanders away wealth and harms the body.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 75, p. 303, no. 6]

ـ الإمامُ الكاظمُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ وقد سُئلَ عَن عَشَرَةِ أقْمِصَةٍ هَل ذلكَ مِنَ السَّرَفِ ـ: لا ، ولكن ذلكَ أبقى لِثِيابِهِ ،12
. ولكنَّ السَّرَفَ أن تَلبَسَ ثَوبَ صَونِكَ في المكانِ القَذِرِ

12– Imam al-Kazim (a.s.), when asked about whether owning ten shirts was considered a waste, replied, 'No, and in fact that is more conducive to longer wear of your clothes. Waste is when you wear your formal finery to unclean places [as casual wear].'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 79, p. 317, no. 1]

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