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1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Make do with little rather than disgracing yourself [by begging].'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 362]

2- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Death is preferable over a life of disgrace. Frugal living is preferable over begging from others.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 396]

3— Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'A lifetime of honour can never compensate for an hour of disgrace.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5580]

4- Imam Ali (a.s.) said in one of his intimate supplications, 'O Allah! Let my soul be the first of those

precious objects that you will wrest from me, and the first thing to be reclaimed out of all Your bounties held in trust with me.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Sermon 215]

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5– Imam al-Husayn (a.s.) said, 'Death with dignity is better than living with disgrace', and articulated the following couplet on the day he was martyred:

'Death is better than embarking on (a life of) indignity [lit. 'embarking on a bare backed horse' (ed.)]

And indignity is preferable over plunging into the Fire.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 44, p. 192, no. 4]

A Believer Must Never Disgrace Himself

6– The Prophet (S) said, 'Whoever succumbs to degrading himself is not considered from among us, the ahl al-bayt.' [Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 58]

7- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Verily Allah, Blessed and most High, has placed everything at the disposal of the believer except that which brings disgrace upon him.'[al-Kafi, v. 5, p. 63, no. 3]

8– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'A believer must never disgrace himself.' When asked by someone how this disgrace comes about, he replied, 'By going out of his way to obtain that which is beyond his control, he ends up disgracing himself.' [Mishkat al–Anwar, no. 245]

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9— The Prophet (S) said, 'When people are miserly with their dinars and their dirhams [i.e. their wealth] and conclude bargains only upon sampling, and are too busy running after their livestock, and abandon fighting in the way of Allah (jihad), Allah brings down such disgrace upon them that can never be revoked until they turn back to their religion.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 10504]

10– The Prophet (S) said, 'The most disgraceful of people is he who humiliates others.' [Bihar al–Anwar, v. 44, p. 142, no. 2]

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'People, in their effort to avoid disgrace, rush headlong into it.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2172]

12– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who discloses his shortcomings to others resigns himself to disgrace.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 201]

13- Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'There is no disgrace worse than that of greed.' [Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 286]

14- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'He who loves life is bound to face disgrace.' [al-Khisal, p. 110, no. 120]

15— Someone once came to one of the Imams (a.s.) complaining about a man who was wronging him. The Imam (a.s.) replied, 'Be patient with him.' The man retorted, 'But people are taking me for a disgraced fool.' The Imam replied, 'The disgraced one is actually the one who wrongs others.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 46, p. 205, no. 78]

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