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1. Forbearance is one of the two excellent traits.

2. Forbearance during intense rage protects [one] from the wrath of the Almighty.

3. Forbearance puts out the fire of rage and acrimoniousness stokes it.

4. Be forbearing and you will be honoured.

5. Be forbearing and you will be respected.

6. Bear [the actions of others] with patience, otherwise you will never be pleased.

7. Veil [your] anger with forbearance and ignore misconceptions with understanding.

8. The strongest of all people is the one who overcomes his anger with his forbearance.

9. The best forbearance is suppressing anger and exercising self-restraint despite having power [to exact revenge].

10. The most courageous of people is the one who defeats ignorance with forbearance.

11. Verily the best of characteristics of men is forbearance.

12. Delaying punishment is from the perfection of forbearance.

13. Forbearance is [like] a tribe [as it protects those who belong to it].

14. Forbearance is the ornament of [one's] character.

15. Forbearance is the symbol of excellence.

16. Forbearance is the cornerstone of [good] leadership.

17. Forbearance is the fruit of knowledge.

18. Forbearance is a means of silencing the foolish.

19. Forbearance is the embellishment of knowledge.

20. Forbearance is the perfection of intellect.

21. Forbearance (or wisdom) is light, [and] its essence is the intellect.

22. Forbearance is the ornament of knowledge and the cause of peace.

23. Forbearance is the system by which the affairs of a believer are organized.

24. If in anger there is revenge, then in forbearance there is the reward of the virtuous.

25. Verily forbearance is only suppression of anger and self-restraint.

26. The bane of forbearance is humiliation.

27. When you are forbearing with a foolish person, you sadden him; so increase his sorrow by your forbearance towards him.

28. When you are forbearing with an ignorant person, you have given him the best reply.

29. When you hear something hateful that troubles you, then lower your head, taking no notice of it, and it will pass you by.

30. When forbearance brings about corruption [and defiance in the enemy], forgiveness becomes a weakness.

31. Through forbearance, supporters increase.

32. It is through suppression [of anger] that forbearance comes about.

33. Gulping down the agonies of forbearance extinguishes the fire of anger.

34. Gulp down the agonies, for indeed I have not seen any drink that is sweeter than this in outcome, nor more tasteful in effect.

35. Gulp down the pains of forbearance, for indeed it is the cornerstone of wisdom and the fruit of knowledge.

36. The fruit of forbearance is kindness.

37. Virtuous forbearance is a sign of abundant knowledge.

38. The best forbearance is accustoming yourself to act with forbearance.

39. The cornerstone of knowledge is forbearance.

40. The alms-tax of forbearance is bearing patiently [with the bad behaviour of the people].

41. The cause of reverence is forbearance.

42. Espouse forbearance for verily it is the fruit of knowledge.

43. Espouse forbearance for indeed it is a pleasing characteristic.

44. It is when rage and anger prevails that the forbearance of the forbearing is tested.

45. The strength [required] for forbearance in times of anger is greater than the strength [needed] for vengeance.

46. Forbearance is sufficient as veneration.

47. Delaying punishment is from the perfection of forbearance.

48. The best vizier of knowledge is forbearance.

49. The dignity of forbearance is the adornment of knowledge.

50. I found forbearance and tolerance more helpful to me than courageous men.

51. Do not disgrace yourselves in order to alleviate your anger, and if an ignorant person acts ignorantly towards you then let your forbearance prevail over him.

52. There is no virtue like forbearance.

53. There is no supporter like forbearance.

54. There is no forbearance like feigning inattention [and pretending not to have noticed].

55. There is no dignity loftier than forbearance.

56. There is no honour higher than forbearance.

57. No one shows forbearance towards the foolish except the intelligent.

58. One who has no forbearance has no knowledge.

59. The forbearance of a person is evinced from his abundant tolerance, and his nobility [is evinced] from his abundant benefactions.

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