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1– The Prophet (S) said, 'Allah has made generosity the greatest moral virtue.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 15926]

2- The Prophet (S) said, 'Allah has created every single vicegerent of His with generosity as their natural disposition.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 16204]

3- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Generosity is a means of nearness [to Allah].'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 72, p. 193, no. 9]

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'The heart can only be made use of [to the best of its capacity] with generosity.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 7, no. 59]

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Generosity is the fruit of the intellect, and contentment is the proof of magnanimity.' [Ghurar al–Hikam, no. 2145]

6- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Generosity cultivates love.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 306]

7- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Generosity imparts love and adorns one's character.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1600]

8– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Generosity is one of the noble traits possessed by prophets. It is the pillar of belief, such that only a true believer will be generous, as well as one who possesses great certainty and high aspiration, for generosity is a gleam from the light of certainty, and the one who knows what he wants finds it easy to give away.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 71, p. 355, no. 17]

9– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The best ones from among you are those who are liberal and the worst ones from among you are the miserly.'[Bihar al-Anwar, p. 350, no. 3]

## **The Generous Person**

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10– Allah, Mighty and Exalted, revealed to Prophet Moses (a.s.), 'That you kill not the Samiri\_1, for verily he is a generous man.'[al-Kafi, v. 4, p. 41, no. 13]

11– The Prophet (S) said, 'The generous person is close to Allah, close to people and close to Paradise.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 73, p. 308, no. 37]

12- The Prophet (S) said, 'Relinquish the generous person's sin for verily Allah takes him by the hand every time he slips.' [Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 16212]

13– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'A generous youth burdened by sins is more beloved to Allah than a worshipping but miserly old man.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 73, p. 307, no. 34]

14– Imam Ar–Ridha' (a.s.) said, 'The generous person partakes of other people's food in order that they may [feel comfortable to] partake of his food, whereas the miser does not partake of others' food so that they may not eat from his.'[Bihar al–Anwar, v. 71, p. 352, no. 8]

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15— The Prophet (S) said, 'The most generous of people is he who fulfils payment of the alms-tax due upon him.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 77, p. 112, no. 2]

16– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Generosity is that you contribute willingly from your own wealth, and restrain yourself from other people's wealth.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 1928]

17– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The kind and generous person is he who spends his wealth for a right cause.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 71, p. 353, no. 11]

18— Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Generosity is when the act of giving is initiated. When it is prompted by a request however, it is merely out of a sense of embarrassment or obligation.' [Bihar al-Anwar, p. 357, no. 21]

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

1. Samiri: one of the Israelites accompanying Prophet Moses after he had delivered them from Pharaoh. He led the Israelites to take a golden calf for an idol during Moses's absence (ed.)

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