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1. With sabr (patience) a person can withstand difficulties.
2. To do this and that (that is to beat around the bush) is one of the manners of being deprived of the mercy of Allah).
3. Everyone naturally likes justice.
4. Following your desires are the means of destruction.
5. The punishment of involving yourself in the love of material aspects is the deprivation of true love for Allah Ta'ala.
6. Miserliness is the clothing of dishonour.

7. Do not be satisfied (with the results) of that person whose heart is not in his work.
8. It is easier to turn a mountain into dust, than to create love in a heart that is filled with hatred.
9. The person who follows his desires will surely get lost (becomes purposeless).
10. Bavery is that you exercise patience for a little while.
11. Moderation is the best status in all affairs.
12. Your best friend is that person, who assists you the most, in time of your needs.
13. It is better to refrain from sins than to seek forgiveness later.

14. The person who is ensnared by jealousy will be ensnared by a 'bad' ending.

15. Many diseases(and problems) are due to extravagance.

16. An intelligent enemy is (sometimes) better than a foolish friend.

17. Ability (taufeeq) to do something is good fortune and helplessness(not being able to do something) is misfortune.

18. The person who points out and looks for faults in others, opens (the door of exposing) his faults to others.

19. The person who assists a brother at times of difficulty, Allah Ta'ala will assist him in his time of need.
20. The person who is saved from the tongue of others is fortunate.
21. The person who stays in the company of kings and the rich becomes involved in worldly affairs.
22. Severe poverty is the brim of (leading to) kufr.
23. The person who saves himself from vulgar language will find falaah(success).
24. Every act that is beneficial is charity (sadaqa).

25. Many outside (strange) people are better than your own relatives.
26. Many of the drowned are those who have been sunk in the sea of ignorance.
27. Many are the learned(Aalims) whom the world has destroyed.
28. The best of your wealth is that which is of most benefit to your in times of need.
29. Whoever loves this world, he is in reality, accumulating (his wealth) for others.
30. To do good (deeds) is farz.

31. During the day man's actions are always changing, so appreciate those days in which you are able to do good.
32. At the time of reaching the extreme of difficulty and hardship, then know that the time for ease has to come.
33. The man who is living in ease cannot appreciate the level of difficulties of others.
34. The person who has very little wealth and means of happiness will only have ease and comfort at death.
35. Sometime a little increases and becomes a lot and sometimes a great deal decreases to nothing.

36. Some morsels of food(haraam, etc) are the cause of deprivation from a lot of other morsels.
37. To ask brings dishonour, and to give creates love
38. Keep your tongue in control.
39. A little,well-earned which satisfies your needs, will suffice you better than a lot which is spent extravagantly.
40. The greater the degree of happiness, so much (at the end of it) will be your difficulty,loss or grief.
41. (Carnal) Deires are the enemy of intellect, and evil cause you regret, which is very bitter.

42. Your (carnal) desires is the enemy of your intellect (common sense).
43. The company of bad (evil) people cause a good person to also be regarded as evil.
44. The person who does anything excessively,he will become famous in it.
45. Some are great people but people do not value (appreciate) them.
46. A respectable person always remains honourable even if he is afflicted with difficulties.
47. He will not be lost who keeps on asking the way.

48. A person will not be perplexed who makes mashwara (consults) with others.
49. A cautious (and intelligent) person is he who does not (always) rely on his own opinion and judgement.
50. In regard with your life, rely on such a person, on whom you can rely to keep a secret.
51. The person who is satisfied with his own actions, will have many who dislike him.
52. The person whose self is precious in his own eyes, then his desires will be valueless to him.
53. The person who regards minor difficulties as major ,Allah Ta'ala will afflict him with major difficulties and problems.

54. What right has mankind to be proud and arrogant his beginning was a drop of semen.
55. The world deceives people, causes harm to them and is left behind by them.
56. Allah Ta'ala has not made this world a reward for his friends(pious servants, nor does He deprive His enemies of it.
57. Verily the people of the world are like a group of travellers and when the driver calls out to them, they all leave.
58. Whoever opposes the truth(or such work), it will destroy him.

59. The eyes are the writing place of the heart
ie. whatever the eyes sees, it makes an
impression on the heart.
60. Taqwa(piety) is the source of all good
characteristics created.
61. What a beautiful thing is it for rich people to
humble themselves in front of the poor only for
the Pleasure of Allah.
62. The person who is satisfied with what he
has, it becomes sufficient for him.
63. Do not become arrogant when everything is
going according to your desire.
64. Do not become despondent when things go
against your desires.

65. Whoever strives to attain something he will achieve it or a part of it; Therefore never become discouraged with your efforts.
66. To be attracted by this world,not withstanding its ever changing conditions is foolishness.
67. To be laxed in good (deeds)actions not withstanding its definite Thawaab (reward) is stupidity.
68. To place your trust(and belief) in everyone without having experience and knowledge(of that person)is sheer folly.
69. Miserliness is the weighing scale of all bad characteristics.

70. The bounties and favours of Allah upon a person attracts other peoples necessities and needs towards it.
71. The person who understands that his talking is a action to be accounted for and judged by Allah Ta'ala will talk less.
72. The person who looks into the faults of others and condemns them and then he himself does it is a foolish person.
73. Unbeneficial past times angers Ar-Rahman(Most Merciful), pleases shaytaan & it causes a person to be alienated from the Qur'aan.
74. Choose truthfulness as Allah Ta'ala is with the truthful ones.

75. A doomed person is he, who is at loss concerning his Deen.

76. Remain aloof and distant from lies and falsehood as it is a stranger to Imaan.

77. Always speak the truth and you will become famous in it(trusted).

78. Keep on doing the work of truth(Deen) and you will be from amongst the doers(people)of the truth(Deen).

79. Place your trust in the possession of the trustworthy.

80. Whoever breaches (deceives in) your trust,do not breach his trust.

81. Keep good relations with your close family.
82. The person who has not benefited you, turn your favours towards him.
83. When you make a promise, fulfill it.
84. When you are made to judge, then be just.
85. Do not have pride on your ancestors (lineage) and do not remember(call) one another by evil and insulting nicknames.
86. Do not be jealous and envious, and do not harbour enmity and hatred(in your heart).
87. Do not sever ties with one another.
88. Make salaam (to each other) in abundance.

89. Be merciful towards orphans and assist the needy and oppressed.
90. Eat halaal earnings, be moderate in your living standard and in your livelihood seek moderation.
91. A jealous person never has peace of mind and contentment, and a king never has true friendship.
92. A liar cannot be humane.
93. A miser does not have honour and respect.
94. A dishonourable person does not have courage.
95. A person who mixes excessively with people does not have peace of mind.

96. Solitude causes contentment and respect, and is an Ibaadat(act of worship).
97. To be satisfied and content (with your lot)is weighty, and moderation is such a provision which suffices.
98. Justice is more better and beneficial to a Ruler than (the benefit attained through) plentiful harvest of the season.
99. A person who respects someone who associates with other than Allah Ta'ala is disgraceful.
100. A rich person who desires more is a poor person.

101. A person's worth is not known until his examination is taken, therefore test your wife and children by means of your absence.
102. A person's worth is not known until his examination is taken, therefore test your friends in times of distress.
103. A person's worth is not known until his examination is taken, therefore test your close relatives in times of poverty and need.
104. A person's worth is not known until his examination is taken, therefore test your friends, acquaintances by your failures.
105. Be very cautious of a person who agrees with you, and in your absence becomes a reason of regret to you.

106. Do not relate news from a unreliable source(person), it may result in you being made a liar.

107. Do not mix with transgressors(sinners) as people will have doubts about you and think evil of you.

108. Stay with noble people so that you may become one of them.

109. Do not reveal such a person's secrets who has revealed your secrets and confidence.

110. Do not befriend the enemy of your friend.

111. If a person places a trust in your care, do not breach or deceive that trust.

112. Do not speak on behalf of evil-doers or you will be blamed by others.

113. Do not keep company with tale carriers because it causes you to always remain in doubt.

114. The person who does you a favour and makes you happy, should not be given difficulty and grief in return.

Rasulullah ﷺ said:
"I am the House of Wisdom and Ali is its Door."

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