

## **A Glimpse at Some of the Wise Sayings Of Ali bin Abu Talib (p)**

- Giving relief to the distressed and helping the oppressed are means for atonement for great sins.
- The best way to serve God is not to make a show of it.
- A virtuous person is better than the virtue, and a vicious person is worse than the vice.
- The best wealth is to give up excessive desires.
- A wise person thinks before he speaks, whereas a fool speaks before he thinks.
- The sin that makes you sad and repentant is liked by God more than the good deed that makes you vain.
- The Real (act of) forgiveness is to forgive while having power to punish.
- There is no greater wealth than wisdom and no greater poverty than ignorance. There is no greater heritage than good manners and no greater support than consultation.
- Patience is of two kinds; patience over what hurts you and patience against your (unfulfilled) desires.
- Wealth is the fountainhead of passions.
- Return greetings with greater warmth. Repay favor with what is more. The initiator of a favor deserves greater merit.
- The wiser a person, the less he talks.
- Every breath of yours is one more step towards death.
- I wonder at the person who loses hope of salvation, while the door of repentance is still open.
- An advice: Do not lose hope in God's Mercy. At the same time do not take for granted immunity from His punishment.
- No wealth is more profitable than wisdom.

- No trait is more useful than politeness.
- No heritage is better than good manners.
- No eminence is greater than humility.
- I wonder at a miser who chooses to live like a destitute, but in the next world will have to give account like a rich person.
- I wonder at the arrogant and vain person. Yesterday he was only a lowly worm, and tomorrow he will be a corpse.
- I wonder at the person who observes the universe created by God, yet doubts the existence of God.
- I wonder at the person who understands the marvel of the beginning of life, yet refuses to accept that he will be brought back to life again.
- I wonder at the man who takes great pains to decorate his temporary habitat (of this world), yet ignores his permanent abode (the Hereafter).
- This world is not a permanent abode. It is like a highway and you are a traveler.
- Loving one another is one-half of wisdom.
- One who agrees with the action of a group is regarded (by God) as having committed that action.
- Greed dulls the faculties of judgment and wisdom.
- Every blessing carries a right of God. If one fulfills that right, then the blessing increases, but if one falls short, the blessing might be lost.
- Anger is akin to madness, and the person usually repents; if not, then the madness is confirmed.
- God, the Glorified, has fixed the livelihood of the poor in the wealth of the affluent. Consequently, when a destitute one remains hungry, it is because some affluent person had denied him (his share). God, the Sublime, will question him (the affluent) about it.
- O people, Fear God; for a human is not created for naught, to waste oneself away, nor would be left unaccounted to commit nonsensical acts.
- Livelihood is of two kinds: The livelihood that you seek and the livelihood

that seeks you. Even if you do not seek the latter, it will come to you.

- Words are in your control before you utter them, but once you have uttered, you are under their control. Therefore, guard your tongue as you guard your gold and silver. One expression may make you lose a blessing or invite punishment.
- Beware, wealth is a blessing; better is the health of the body, and (even) better than health of the body is purity of the heart.
- Lovers of God look at the inner side of things (while others look at the outer). They busy themselves with the lasting benefits (of the next world), while others seek immediate (worldly) benefits. They regard accumulation of wealth by others as a matter of lesser importance. They suppress those desires that they fear would hurt them (in the next world).