Wisdom: Hazrat Ali on giving and generosity

"Most noble actions are bearing the debts of others, and entertaining one's guests."

"Do not be ashamed if the amount of charity is small because to return the needy empty-handed is an act of greater shame."

"A man without faith lacks generosity."

"One who will give nothing, loses praise."

"The better part of generosity is speedy giving."

"Give to a poor man before he asks; for if you place him under the necessity of stretching out his hand, you take from him self-respect more than the value of your alms."

"If you help a deserving person without his request then it is generosity, and if you help after his request then mostly it is due to shyness to refuse or fear of reproach."

"Death is less hard than asking for alms."

"Put not off until tomorrow, the giving to a man of that of which he hath need, for you know not what the morrow hath in store for him and for you."

"When you feed the poor, feed them well"

"A believer does not eat his fill as long as his brother is hungrily."
"It is good men’s pleasure to give food to others -- that of the avaricious is for themselves to eat."

"It will bring you a more enduring satisfaction to give a robe to another man than to wear it yourself."

"Scatter abroad what you have already amassed rather than pile up new wealth."

"These two belong to generosity -- to give of one’s possessions, and to protect one’s honour."

"One without pity for other will never be pitied."

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