

١٩٦. وَقَالَ (عليه السلام): لَمْ يَذْهَبْ مِنْ مَالِكَ مَا وَعَظَكَ.

196. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: The wealth that teaches you lesson does not go waste. [1]

Footnote :

[1] The person who gains a lesson and experience by spending money and wealth should not lament its loss but should deem the experience more valuable than the wealth because wealth is in any case wasted away while the experience will protect him against the dangers of the future. Thus, a scholar who had become destitute after having been wealthy was asked what had happened to his wealth and he replied: "I have purchased experiences with it and they have proved more useful than the wealth. After losing all that I had, I have not been in the loss."