

٢١٤ . وَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): مَنْ لَانَ عُوْدَهُ كَثُفَتْ أَغْصَانُهُ.

214. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: The tree whose trunk is soft has thick branches. [1]

Footnote :

[1] The person who is haughty and ill-tempered can never succeed in making his surroundings pleasant. His acquaintances will feel wretched and sick of him. But if a person is good-tempered and sweet-tongued people will like to get close to him and befriend him. At the time of need they will prove to be his helpers and supporters whereby he can make his life a success.