

٢٢٤. وَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): بِكَثْرَةِ الصَّمْتِ تَكُونُ الْهَيْبَةُ وَبِالنِّصْفَةِ يَكْثُرُ الْمَوَالُونَ وَبِالْإِفْضَالِ تَعْظُمُ الْأَقْدَارُ وَبِالْوَضْعِ تَتِمُّ النِّعْمَةُ وَبِاحْتِمَالِ الْمُؤْنِ يَجِبُ السُّؤْدُودُ وَبِالسَّيْرِ الْعَادِلَةِ يَقْهَرُ الْمَنَاوِيَّ وَبِالْحِلْمِ عَنِ السَّفِيهِ تَكْثُرُ الْأَنْصَارُ عَلَيْهِ.

224. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: Excess of silence produces awe; justice results in more close friends; generosity heightens position; with humility blessings abound in plenty; by facing hardships leadership is achieved; by just behaviour the adversary is overpowered; and with forbearance against a fool there is increase of one's supporters against him.