

٢٣٤. وَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): خَيْرُ خِصَالِ النِّسَاءِ شَرُّ أَرْجَالِ الرِّجَالِ: الزَّهْوُ وَالْجُبْنُ وَالْبَخْلُ، فَإِذَا كَانَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ مَزْهُوَّةً لَمْ تُمْكِنْ مِنْ نَفْسِهَا، وَإِذَا كَانَتْ بَخِيلَةً حَفِظَتْ مَالَهَا وَمَالَ بَعْلِهَا، وَإِذَا كَانَتْ جَبَانَةً فَرِقَتْ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ يَعْزِضُ لَهَا.

234. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: The best traits of women are those which are the worst traits of men, namely: vanity, cowardice and miserliness. Thus, since the woman is vain, she will not allow anyone access to herself; since she is miserly, she will preserve her own property and the property of her husband; and since she is weak-hearted, she will be frightened with everything that befalls her.