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The Book of Spiritual Routines

**Book 13.1 :: Lesson 42**  
The Virtues & Etiquettes of Earning a Living

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**Allah says:**

{... and We  
made the day  
as a  
livelihood...}  
[78:11]

وَجَعَلْنَا النَّهَارَ مَعَاشًا

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### Allah says:

{We have indeed established you on the earth and provided you with a means of livelihood in it. How little do you give thanks!}  
[7:10]

وَلَقَدْ مَكَّنَّاكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَجَعَلْنَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَعِيشًا قَلِيلًا مَا تَشْكُرُونَ

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### Allah says:

{There is no blame on you for seeking the bounty of your Lord (during this the journey to Hajj)...}  
[2:198]

لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَبْتَغُوا فَضْلًا مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ

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### Allah says:

{So recite whatever you can from the Qur'an. He knows that some of you will be sick, some will be travelling throughout the land seeking Allah's bounty, and some fighting in the cause of Allah. So recite whatever you can from it.}  
[73:20]

...فَأَقْرءُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ ۚ عَلِمَ أَنْ سَيَكُونُ مِنْكُمْ مَرْضَىٰ وَعَاخَرُونَ يَضْرِبُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَبْتَغُونَ مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ ۚ وَآخَرُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۚ فَأَقْرءُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنْهُ ۚ ...

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### Allah says:

{Once the prayer is over, disperse throughout the land and seek the bounty of Allah. And remember Allah often so you may be successful.}  
[62:10]

﴿فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾

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### The Prophet ﷺ said:

“The honest, trustworthy business person will be with the Prophets, Truthful Ones and Martyrs.”  
[Tirmidhi]

رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، قال: التاجر الصدوق الأمين مع النبيين والصديقين والشهداء

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### 4 Types for Whom it is Better to Leave Earning a Living

1. A worshipper devoted to physical worship
2. A spiritual traveler of the inward path of the heart towards lofty states and unveilings
3. A scholar busy with outward knowledge benefitting others in Deen
4. Someone busy serving public interests

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## 2 Scenarios When Leave Earning a Living

1. Their expenses are handled by people without needing to ask; this is best and helps others do good as well.
2. Need to ask (ie. fundraise). This is technically not best, but returns to Ijtihad:
  - should weigh the embarrassment in asking with the benefit of the good being done.
  - must take fatwa from own heart

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