

With regards to the *qanaa'ah* of the student of knowledge, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* comments:

Adorning oneself with *qanaa'ah* (contentment) is from the most important of the characteristics of the student of knowledge - meaning that he contents himself with that which Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, has given to him.

And that he does not seek to be from the ranks of the rich and those who live luxuriously - (this is) because you will find some of the students of knowledge, and other than them, wishing to be from the ranks of the rich and those who live in luxury.

So (this person) burdens himself with spending on food and drink and clothing and furniture and then he carries the burden through (taking on) debts. And this is an error. Rather upon you is *qanaa'ah* (contentment), for indeed it increases the Muslim (in good).

(*Sharh hilyah taalib il 'ilm* p30 -31 of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah*)