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Ruwayfi' ibn Thābit (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should not ride a mount belonging to the spoils of Muslims and then returns it when it becomes skinny out of exhaustion. Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should not wear a garment belonging to the spoils of the Muslims and then returns it when it is worn out."

[Good hadith] [Narrated by Abu Daoud - Narrated by Ahmad - Ad-Daarimi]

This Hadīth states that it is impermissible for any of the Muslim Mujāhids to wear a garment from the spoils of war until that garment is worn out and then returns it. Likewise, it is impermissible for a Muslim Mujāhid to ride a mount belonging to the spoils of war until he emaciates it and then returns it to the spoils. This behavior is forbidden because it harms the other fighters entitled to a share in the spoils. Nevertheless, it is not sinful to ride a mount without emaciating it, or wear a garment without damaging it. For example, one may use a mount to return home or to distance himself from the enemy and then return it, or to wear a garment to conceal his 'Awrah or to keep himself warm and then return it. Rather, in such a case, he must return them to the spoils of war after using them for those purposes in order to be absolved of liability in this world and in the Hereafter.

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