# SN 17.32 — Skillful Root

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Chapter Four

Skillful Root

At Sāvatthī.

“Possessions, honor, and popularity are grim …

Devadatta cut off his skillful root because his mind was overcome and overwhelmed by possessions, honor, and popularity.

So grim are possessions, honor, and popularity. …”