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Text

409. “Bhikkhus, if the Bhikkhu were to generate within himself the firmness of exertion even for just a snap of a finger, arousing the zeal to continue cultivating the beneficial and good qualities in the heart so that they flourish and maintain, then he is to be declared a Bhikkhu who is able to attain to jhāna, living and training according to The Dispensation of The Teacher. Thus, he would be rightfully and blamelessly partaking of the food offered to him by the public, and therefore not be blameworthy in consuming all that is offered to him.

“And if this can be said about such a Bhikkhu, then how much more could be said about the Bhikkhu, who is fully dedicated and immersed in the practice and cultivation of the Four Right Endeavors throughout his life?”