AN 5.151 — The Sure Path (1st)

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16. The True Teaching

The Sure Path (1st)

“Mendicants, someone with five qualities is unable to step into the sure path with regard to skillful qualities even when listening to the true teaching. What five? They disparage the talk, the speaker, or themselves. They listen with scattered and disunified mind. They apply the mind irrationally. Someone with these five qualities is unable to step into the sure path with regard to skillful qualities, even when listening to the true teaching.

Someone with five qualities is able to step into the sure path with regard to skillful qualities when listening to the true teaching. What five? They don’t disparage the talk, the speaker, or themselves. They listen with unscattered and unified mind. They apply the mind rationally. Someone with these five qualities is able to step into the sure path with regard to skillful qualities when listening to the true teaching.”