AN 5.218 — Unimpressive Conduct (2nd)

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Unimpressive Conduct (2nd)

“Mendicants, there are these five drawbacks of unimpressive conduct. What five? You don’t inspire confidence in those without it. You cause some with confidence to change their minds. You don’t follow the Teacher’s instructions. Those who come after you follow your example. And your mind doesn’t become clear. These are the five drawbacks of unimpressive conduct.

There are these five benefits of impressive conduct. What five? You inspire confidence in those without it. You increase confidence in those who have it. You follow the Teacher’s instructions. Those who come after you follow your example. And your mind becomes clear. These are the five benefits of impressive conduct.”