AN 5.231 — A Resident Mendicant

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“Mendicants, a resident mendicant with five qualities is not admirable. What five? They’re not accomplished in being well-mannered and doing their duties. They’re not very learned and don’t remember what they’ve learned. They’re not self-effacing and don’t enjoy self-effacement. They’re not a good speaker and do not enunciate well. They’re witless, dull, and idiotic. A resident mendicant with these five qualities is not admirable.

A resident mendicant with these five qualities is admirable. What five? They’re accomplished in being well-mannered and doing their duties. They’re very learned and remember what they’ve learned. They’re self-effacing and enjoy self-effacement. They’re a good speaker who enunciates well. They’re wise, bright, and clever. A resident mendicant with these five qualities is admirable.”