AN 5.237 — Deserving Criticism (2nd)

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24. A Resident Mendicant

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“Mendicants, a resident mendicant with five qualities is placed in hell as if delivered there. What five? Without examining or scrutinizing, they praise those deserving of criticism, and they criticize those deserving of praise. They’re stingy and avaricious regarding monasteries. They’re stingy and avaricious regarding families. And they waste a gift given in faith. A resident mendicant with these five qualities is placed in hell as if delivered there.

A resident mendicant with five qualities is placed in heaven as if delivered there. What five? After examining and scrutinizing, they criticize those deserving of criticism, and they praise those deserving of praise. They’re not stingy and avaricious regarding monasteries. They’re not stingy and avaricious regarding families. And they don’t waste a gift given in faith. A resident mendicant with these five qualities is placed in heaven as if delivered there.”