AN 5.35 — The Benefits of Giving

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4. With Sumanā

The Benefits of Giving

“Mendicants, there are five benefits of giving. What five? A giver, a donor is dear and beloved by many people. Good and true persons associate with them. They get a good reputation. They don’t neglect a layperson’s duties. When their body breaks up, after death, they’re reborn in a good place, a heavenly realm. These are the five benefits of giving.

Giving, one is loved,

and follows the way of the good.

The good, disciplined spiritual practitioners

always associate with you.

They teach you the Dhamma

that casts aside all suffering.

Having understood this teaching,

the undefiled one is fully extinguished.”