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9. Senior Mendicants

With Ānanda

Then Venerable Ānanda went up to the Buddha, bowed, and sat down to one side. The Buddha said to him:

“Ānanda, it is quite impossible for a faithless mendicant to achieve growth, improvement, or maturity in this teaching and training.

It is quite impossible for a mendicant who is unethical …

unlearned …

hard to admonish …

with bad friends …

lazy …

unmindful …

lacking contentment …

of corrupt wishes …

of wrong view to achieve growth, improvement, or maturity in this teaching and training.

It is quite impossible for a mendicant with these ten qualities to achieve growth, improvement, or maturity in this teaching and training.

It is quite possible for a faithful mendicant to achieve growth, improvement, or maturity in this teaching and training.

It is quite possible for a mendicant who is ethical …

a learned memorizer …

easy to admonish …

with good friends …

energetic …

mindful …

contented …

of few desires …

of right view to achieve growth, improvement, or maturity in this teaching and training.

It is quite possible for a mendicant with these ten qualities to achieve growth, improvement, or maturity in this teaching and training.”