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Text

407. “Bhikkhus, if the Bhikkhu were to generate within himself the firmness of exertion even for just a snap of a finger, arousing the zeal in his heart so as to abandon and walk away from any and all damaging activities or behaviors that may have already arisen, then he is to be declared a Bhikkhu who is able to attain to jhāna, living and training according to The Dispensation of The Teacher. Thus, he would be rightfully and blamelessly partaking of the food offered to him by the public, and therefore not be blameworthy in consuming all that is offered to him.

“And if this can be said about such a Bhikkhu, then how much more could be said about the Bhikkhu, who is fully dedicated and immersed in the practice and cultivation of the Four Right Efforts throughout his life?”