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Text

72. “Bhikkhus, I do not know of a single thing that is more detrimental than the desire and pursuit of bad habits, while at the same time being disinterested in growth and indifferent to even adopting good habits. Because of such tendencies, evil and damaging states that were once absent will arise, while at the same time, any good or beneficial qualities that may have been present in the heart, will disappear and be no more.

“Therefore, Bhikkhus, by living a life where there is the pursuit of bad habits, and indifference towards developing any good habits, you will only see your harmful and evil qualities increase, as your beneficial ones continuously dwindle and disappear.”