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Text

Bhikkhus, when someone has these six qualities, even if one were to listen to the True Dhamma, they would still be incapable of entering the correct path where one’s wholesome qualities blossom and thrive. What are these six?

One is obstructed by one’s actions/kamma; obstructed by defilements; obstructed by the consequences of one’s past actions/kamma; one does not have faith; does not have the noble desire for attaining the goal of the Holy Life; and one is without wisdom.

Bhikkhus, when someone has these six qualities, even if one were to listen to the True Dhamma, they would still be incapable of entering the correct path where one’s wholesome qualities blossom and thrive.

Bhikkhus, when someone has these six qualities, even by listening to the True Dhamma, they would be capable of entering the correct path where one’s wholesome qualities blossom and thrive. What are these six?

One is unobstructed by one’s actions/kamma; unobstructed by defilements; unobstructed by the consequences of one’s past actions/kamma; one has faith; has the noble desire for attaining the goal of the Holy Life; and one is wise.

Bhikkhus, when someone has these six qualities, even by listening to the True Dhamma, they would be capable of entering the correct path where one’s wholesome qualities

blossom and thrive.

Sadhu Sadhu Sadhu