Thig 5.10 — Patacara

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Text

[I thought:]

"Plowing the field with plows, sowing the ground with seed, supporting their wives & children, young men gather up wealth. So why is it that I, consummate in virtue, a doer of the teacher's bidding, don't gain Unbinding? I'm not lazy or proud." Washing my feet, I noticed the water. And in watching it flow from high to low, my heart was composed like a fine thoroughbred steed. Then taking a lamp, I entered the hut, checked the bedding, sat down on the bed. And taking a pin, I pulled out the wick: Like the flame's unbinding was the liberation of awareness.