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(qiān) Modesty

Success. For one worthy of power, an end.

- Six in the first place: Modest again and again: one worthy of power. You may cross the great river [make a major change]. Good fortune.
- Six in the second place: The bird sings of modesty. Persistence brings good fortune.
- Nine in the third place: At work, modesty: one worthy of power. At the end, good fortune.
- Six in the fourth place: Nothing that is not effective. Practice in modesty.
- Six in the fifth place: Not rich by using her neighbors. A decisive move can be used effectively. Nothing is ineffectual.
- Six at the top: The bird sings of modesty. It is effective to use the actions of multitudes to advance on city and state.

### Image

In the midst of the earth, a mountain: modesty. You should reduce the numbers of things that are too numerous and increase things in short supply, to bring balance.

Even the highest mountain rises out of the earth, which holds it in place. Even the most elevated personage depends on many others for sustenance and health. Modesty is the crucial quality that enables us to remember our own limits and to value all we can learn from others. History is full of rulers who forgot this and lost everything. Those with little must be given more. Those with an excess need less.

Shaughnessy, 106–107, 305.

Lynn, 229–234.

Wilhelm/Baynes, 63–67.