0.0.1 Factors for [pursuing] what is worth striving for

- **0.** source: sāvatthi.
- 1. There are, O bhikkhus, these five factors for [pursuing] what is worth striving for. Which five?
- 2. Here, O bhikkhus, a bhikkhu is one of faith. He has faith in the awakening of the Tathagata: "Truly is he the Auspicious One, the Arahant, rightly self-awakened, excelling in knowledge and conduct, well-farer, knower of worlds, incomparable charioteer of tamed persons, teacher of devas and humans, awakened, auspicious."
- 3. He is one of little affliction, of little illness, endowed with good digestion, having a digestion that is not too cold, not too hot, but moderate for endurance in striving.
- **4.** He is honest, not deceitful, one who reveals himself to the Teacher or his wise companions in the life of purity.
- 5. He abides firm in energy for the abandoning of unwholesome dhammas, for the attainment of wholesome dhammas. He is a strong one, an energetic one, not laying aside the responsibilities in [striving for] wholesome dhammas.

- **6.** He is a wise one, endowed with wisdom that sees arising and extinction, which is of the noble, penetrative stock that leads to the thorough obliteration of suffering.
- **7.** "These, O bhikkhus, are the five factors for [pursuing] what is worth striving for."