






# Buddha's Discourse on Blessings

1. Many gods and men  
Have pondered on auspicious signs  
Wishing for blessings.  
Please tell us the most auspicious signs.
  2. Not to associate with fools  
But to associate with the wise  
And to honour those worthy of honour,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  3. Living in a suitable locality  
And good deeds done in the past,  
To set oneself in the right course,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  4. Great learning and skill in work  
A highly trained discipline  
And well-spoken speech,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  5. Looking after one's mother and father  
Caring for one's wife and children  
And unconfused actions,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  6. Generosity and a righteous life,  
Caring for one's relatives  
And blameless actions,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  7. To abhor and avoid all evil,  
Abstention from intoxicants  
And diligence in righteousness,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  8. Reverence, humility,  
Contentment and gratitude.  
Hearing the Dhamma at the right time,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  9. Patience and compliance  
And seeing the monks.  
Opportune discussion of the Dhamma,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  10. Self-restraint and a holy life,  
Seeing the Four Noble Truths  
And realising nibbāna,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  11. When affected by worldly conditions,  
If one's mind remains unshaken;  
Sorrowless, stainless and secure,  
This is the most auspicious sign.
  12. Those who perform such auspicious deeds  
Are undefeated by all enemies  
And gain happiness everywhere,  
These are the most auspicious signs."
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