

# Sīlavantasutta

AN III 46 Discourse on the Virtuous  
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There, the people generate abundant merit on three grounds.

What Three?

Bodily, verbally and mentally<sup>1</sup>.

Bhikkhus, virtuous renunciates dwell supported by villages and communities.

There, people generate abundant merit on these three grounds.

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<sup>1</sup> These are the three grounds upon which people can make merit.

By way of Bodily, Verbal and Mental wholesome actions.

By Giving (Dāna), Virtuous behaviour (Sīla) and Mental Development (Bhāvanā).

Renunciates provide an occasion for people to perform very wholesome kamma simply by their presence and the Dhamma.