

Bhojana Sutta

AN V 37 Discourse on Giving Food

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A donor who gives food, bhikkhus, gives five things to the one who receive.

What Five?

One gives longevity, (1)

One gives beauty, (2)

One gives happiness, (3)

One gives strength, (4)

And one gives intelligence. (5)

*Giving longevity,
one partakes of longevity,
heavenly or human:*

*Giving beauty,
one partakes of this beauty,
heavenly or human;*

*Giving happiness,
one partakes of this happiness,
heavenly or human;*

*Giving strength,
one partakes of this strength,
heavenly or human;*

*Giving intelligence,
one partakes of this intelligence,
heavenly or human;*

*A donor who gives food, bhikkhus,
gives these five things to the one who receives.*

*The wise enjoys longevity, strength,
Fair complexion and intelligence;
The sage, giver of happiness,
Also acquires happiness.*

*Givers of longevity, strength and fair complexion
Happiness and intelligence;
Long lived and praised they are,
Wherever they are reborn.*

Seventh.