

Vācā Sutta

AN V 198 Discourse on the Well-Spoken

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"*F*ive qualities, monks,

*Make for speech to be well-spoken, not ill-spoken,
for which the sages do not find faults nor blame.*

What Five?

[When it is]

- (1) Spoken at the right time,*
- (2) Spoken with truth,*
- (3) Spoken softly,¹*
- (4) Spoken with meaning,*
- (5) Spoken with a heart of Loving-compassion.*

*These five qualities bhikkhus,
Make for speech to be well-spoken, not ill-spoken,
Which is blameless and irreproachable by the wise.*

¹ *San̄ha* (adj.) [cp. Sk. *ślakṣṇa*] 1. smooth, soft — 2. gentle, mild — 3. delicate, exquisite



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