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- 21.** Heedfulness is the state of the Deathless, heedlessness is the state of Death;
The heedful do not die, the heedless are as if already dead.
- 22.** Having thus known distinctively, the wise in diligence;
They rejoice in diligence, delighted in the resort of the noble ones.
- 23.** Those meditators, acting continuously, always of firm effort;
The wise touch Nibbāna, the unsurpassed freedom from bondage.
- 24.** For one who is industrious, mindful, of pure actions, acting considerately;
For one who is restrained, living righteously, diligent, fame increases.
- 25.** By industriousness and diligence, by self-control and taming;
The wise one should make an island, which the mental flood cannot overwhelm.
- 26.** Foolish, imprudent people engage in negligence;
But the wise one guards diligence as the foremost wealth.
- 27.** Do not engage in negligence, do not be intimate with delight in sensual pleasures;
For the diligent one, meditating, attains abundant happiness.
- 28.** When the wise person drives away heedlessness with diligence;
Having ascended the palace of wisdom, free from sorrow, the sorrowful generation;
Like one standing on a mountain looks upon those standing on the ground, the wise one looks upon the foolish.
- 29.** Diligent among the heedless, very wakeful among those who sleep;
Like a swift horse leaving behind a weak one, the wise one goes on.
- 30.** Through diligence, Maghavā attained the foremost position among the gods;
They praise diligence, heedlessness is always blamed.
- 31.** A monk delighting in diligence, or seeing danger in heedlessness;
Goes burning up mental fetters, subtle and gross, like a fire.
- 32.** A monk delighting in diligence, or seeing danger in heedlessness;
Is unable to decline, he is near to Nibbāna itself.

The Chapter on Heedfulness is concluded as second.



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