

Passages from the Analects of Confucius

Passage One:

1.2 The Master said, "It is a rare thing for someone who has a sense of filial and fraternal responsibility to have a taste for defying authority. And it is unheard of for those who have no taste for defying authority to be keen on initiating rebellion. Exemplary persons concentrate their efforts on the root, for the root having taken hold, the way will grow there from. As for filial and fraternal responsibility, it is, I suspect, the root of authoritative conduct."

Passage Two:

2.3 The master said: "Lead the people with administrative injunctions and keep them orderly with penal law, and they will avoid punishments but will be without a sense of shame. Lead them with excellence and keep them orderly through observing ritual propriety."

Passage Three:

4.16 The Master said, "Exemplary persons understand what is appropriate; petty persons understand what is of personal advantage."

Passage Four:

15.21 The Master said, "Exemplary persons make demands on themselves, while petty persons make demands on others."