

Luang Pu Boonsong Thittasaro

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Luang Pu Boonsong Thittasaro, 81 years old, 51 vassa, the abbot of Wat Santivanaram, District of Kaenghangmaeo, Chanthaburi Province, became a Buddhist monk on 15 July, 1966. He was born to a poor family. As a layperson, he lived just like any other Thai, committing good and bad actions.

During his early days in monkhood, he received very little or no food when he went for alms round and had to overcome starvation. He was under the tutelage of Luang Pu Whaen Sujinno (a disciple of Luang Pu Mun) who was a highly respected meditation master at Doi Mae Pang, Chiangmai province, northern Thailand. He also studied with other great meditation masters. He was very impressed with the way

and teachings of his highly respected and experienced master Luang Pu Whaen whom he served unconditionally.

He settled at Wat Santivanaram (Khao Nam Tok) after years of wandering in the forests. At that time Santivanaram was a small monastery. Luang Pu Boonsong now teaches the monks and lay devotees to follow the discipline and teachings of the forest tradition.