

The Dee

Pirkei Avot Project

הוא הִיה אומר, מְרַבֵּה בָשָׂר, מְרַבֵּה רְמָה, מְרַבֵּה נְכָסִים, מְרַבֵּה דְאָגָה.
 מְרַבֵּה נָשִׁים, מְרַבֵּה כְשָׁפִים. מְרַבֵּה שְׁפָחוֹת, מְרַבֵּה זְמָה. מְרַבֵּה
 עֲבָדִים, מְרַבֵּה גֵזֶל. מְרַבֵּה תוֹרָה, מְרַבֵּה חַיִּים. מְרַבֵּה יְשִׁיבָה, מְרַבֵּה
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 שֵׁם טוֹב, קָנָה לְעַצְמוֹ. קָנָה לוֹ דְבַרֵי תוֹרָה, קָנָה לוֹ חַיֵי הָעוֹלָם הַבָּא:

He used to say: The more flesh, the more worms; The more property, the more anxiety; The more wives, the more witchcraft; The more female slaves, the more lewdness; The more slaves, the more robbery; The more Torah, the more life; The more sitting [with scholars], the more wisdom; The more counsel, the more understanding; The more charity, the more peace. If one acquires a good name, he has acquired something for himself; If one acquires for himself knowledge of Torah, he has acquired life in the world to come.

How does the acquisition of Torah knowledge in this world cause the acquisition of life in the world to come? Why is it that the benefits of a life built on Torah are not limited to this world?

Learning and living a life filled with Torah values can shape not only our present but our future life in *Olam Haba* as well. The Torah with its teachings, principles and values guides us and paves the way for a life of purpose, meaning and fulfilment. Additionally, we have so much to learn from the Torah personalities and can relate to them in different phases of our lives.

However, it is not enough to just learn Torah and be vessels of the Torah knowledge, rather we must emulate the Torah's principles through our actions.

We have to understand that our actions, however small they may seem, carry a lot of weight. A kind word, helping others, giving to someone in need, or a gesture of empathy can create a ripple effect of goodness and joy, touching the lives of others and inspiring them to do the same. In this way, our actions become a way of life, not only for ourselves but as an example for those around us.

Our actions can shape our reality and leave a lasting impact. Let's embrace the teachings and lessons of the Torah and integrate them into our daily lives. In doing so, we not only bring light and happiness to our present lives but also lay the groundwork for our future that is infused with bracha, both in this world and in *Olam Haba*.

Discussion Questions:

What connections can you draw between each cause and effect?

What does it mean to acquire a good name and is it something you strive for?

In what ways can you embody Torah knowledge that may be part of acquiring the world to come?

Idea by Leora Ashman

לעילוי נשמת:

לאה בת רפאל הכהן וציפורה

מאיה אסתר בת הרב אריה מרדכי ולאה

רינה מרים בת הרב אריה מרדכי ולאה



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