



Rabbi Mordechai Hersh Spitzer, Rosh Yeshivas Toras Tzvi Spinka, related the following:

Rabbi Pinchos Roth, our *yeshiva*'s dean, who is a grandson of the renowned *posek* and *tzaddik* **HaRav Yechezkal Roth zt"l**, shared with me the following:

As known, my grandfather *R' Cheskel Z"l* was a renowned *posek* and the address to many very complex *shailos* in all areas of *halacha*. One day, he was presented with a dilemma. A Yid had passed away and, in his will, he requested to be buried with his expensive gold watch. My grandfather was asked to determine if the family should or could go ahead with this or not.

As this was a highly unusual request, my grandfather zt"l asked the family to

explain the story behind this gold watch. After all, the deceased man surely didn't make this request so he would be able to keep track of time in his grave...!

The family shared the following:

“Our father lived in Borough Park, and everybody knew him as ‘the quarter thrower’. He would walk on the street throwing quarters from one hand to the other, back and forth, wherever he went. No one understood the reason behind this practice, and everyone considered him as sort of an odd person, including us, his children.

“While he was alive, he instructed the family that, upon his passing but before his burial, his will should be read. His wish was fulfilled, and the following is what was stated in his will:

“For the past fourteen years, I took it upon myself that every time I am walking in public and I abstain from seeing inappropriate sights, I will put a quarter into a designated pocket. Therefore, I always had quarters in my hands, ready to be used.

"Over time, I collected more and more quarters, until I came to the amount of twelve thousand quarters, the equivalent of \$3,000. With that money, I went to an upscale watch shop and acquired a beautiful gold watch. Seeing this watch on my wrist helped me stay strong in my resolve to be holy and guard my eyes.

"This watch will serve as my witness in the World to Come that I worked hard

and did not allow myself any leeway when walking on the street. I was ready to be considered an odd fellow - I even earned the nickname of 'quarter thrower' - but I did not give up, and I kept on fighting my *yetzer hara*. Therefore, I ask that this watch be buried along with me upon my passing from This World, to be to my merit in the Upper World."

My *heilige* grandfather zt"l ruled clearly: Of course his will should be honored! This watch will open for this pious man every door in the World to Come. It will serve as his attorney and he will merit to bring many blessings to his children in This World.

"Dear brothers and fellow Jews," concludes Rav Spitzer. "Let us take it upon ourselves: Every time we go out in the street, let us guard our eyes. In the merit of this effort, we will attain blessings and protection from hardship, and soon we should be *zoche* to the ultimate redemption, the coming of Mashiach במהרה בימינו אמן."

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