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Just Do it!

וְכָל־חֲכַם־לֵב בָּכֶם יָבֹּאו וְיָעֲשׂו אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר צִוֶּה ה׳ (שמות לה:י)

And every wise hearted person among you shall come and make everything that Hashem has commanded: (Shemos 35)

In the pasuk referenced above, the term *"Chacham Lev"-* wise hearted, seems a bit strange. Typically, wisdom is related to the mind rather than the heart, which represents emotion.

The Otzros HaTorah suggests that this phrase is the secret to the successful fulfillment of *mitzvos*. A wise man, will act upon his inspiration and rather than merely contemplate, will take concrete action. That is highlighted by the phrase "עבואו ויעשו", "they should come and fulfill" to be able to turn one's inspiration into the performance of a mitzva. Unfortunately, at times when we are inspired and consider taking on new responsibilities, like joining a shiur, learning a new topic or spearheading a community project, we speak of our intentions, but we don't always seem to turn our dreams into reality.

The Hida explains the following statement uttered by Hazal "צדיקים אומרים מעט ועושים הרבה" – Essentially, righteous individuals "under promise and over deliver." Rather than boast of all the wonderful ideas we have and share them with everyone, it is better to take action and to implement these ideas. The Yetzer Hara often tries to prevent us from fulfilling our goals. We have to understand that it is not only "the thought that counts." By telling others of our ideas, it makes us feel good about ourselves and we may feel as if we have implemented the project. The key is to execute. When we are inspired, we should think of what we can do and immediately take action. To hit the iron while it's hot!



Later in the parsha we come across another pasuk:

ויבאו כל איש אשר נשאו לבו וכל אשר נדבה רוחו אתו הביאו את תרומת ה' למלאכת אהל מועד ולכל עבדתו ולבגדי הקדש. (שמות לה:כא)

Every man whose heart uplifted him came, and everyone whose spirit inspired him to generosity brought the offering of Hashem for the work of the Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. (Shemot 35:21)

This *pasuk* teaches us that every individual who was originally inspired to donate to the *Mishkan* carried through with his inspiration and took action. Every single person made good on his pledge.

This, explains Rav Pam (*The Pleasant Way*) is why the content of the *Parshiyos of Teruma* and *Tetzaveh* is repeated in *Parshiyos Vayak'hel* and *Pekudei*. The Torah wants to emphasize that after all the times that the Torah says *ve'asita* – "any you shall make" – in *Parashas Teruma* and *Parashas Tetzaveh*, Bnei Yisrael carried through; *Parshiyos Vayak'hel* and *Pekudei* are full of *ve'asu* – "and they made."

Let's allow ourselves to be inspired and to think carefully of how we use such inspiration to improve our avodas Hashem and our communal service. But we must not stop there. We have to follow through and take immediate action so that our good intentions are in fact brought to fruition. If we may borrow a phrase from a famous sportswear manufacturer, when we are inspired - we should have the attitude of "Just Do it!".

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