

**What  
Would  
Make you  
the  
Happiest  
Person   
in the  
World?**

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May this serve as a Refuah Shleima  
merit for Kalman ben Chaya Blima  
among others

## Preface

What would you choose to accomplish today and tomorrow if you knew that Hashem would make your wish come true?

What is your biggest goal and dream of how and what you would like to become and achieve?

Yes, we are going to study the greatest source for this topic, Makos 10b -

“On the path one is determined to go, Hashem will lead him.”

Imagine someone who reviews this Torah Principle every day. This concept can connect us to Hashem, helping us enjoy the greatest forms of success daily.

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Dovid Hamelech, Tehilim 27, would say all the time - “One thing I asked of Hashem, that shall I seek...”

## 1. Reminders

How can you maintain your goals, desires, ambitions and enthusiasm? We need to keep on reminding ourselves of our chief aims in life, in inspiring and pleasant ways!

As you help many more people, you can increase your enjoyment and excitement in your growth in Torah, service and kindness to others. We can continuously cultivate our ambition to come closer to serving and loving Hashem and people, by following Hashem's illuminating guidelines.

As we think more with profound clarity, as we review more to reach the 101-review level of greatness, we will never give up because we know Hashem is always waiting to help us achieve greatness and closeness to Him.

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"Hashem is close to all those who call Him, to those who call Him in truth," Ashrei.

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We need to call to Hashem daily if we really want to achieve our goals.

## **2. But...**

Yes, but what if you seem to fail again and again!

We turn to Mishlei 24:16, to encourage those who fall/fail 7 times and rise up again!

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Every seeming failure is actually a blessing from Hashem in disguise, as the Gemara says: "This too is for the good!"

Many people have failed and realized that they truly need Hashem's help to succeed. That realization was then appreciated more as a great form of happiness and success in itself. In itself, it leads to ongoing greatness of growth.

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Your reactions and response can lead you to the deepest of prayers to help you recover.

### **3. Using Your Time**

Just even a minute is exactly 60 seconds of precious time Hashem grants us to utilize fully. We need to seize opportunities and avoid blaming others. We need to invest our time wisely, primarily for Torah study.

Our time is so important because we can choose to invest it in Torah and mitzvos, which is how we eternalize our time. Time is worth much more than money.

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The best way to use your time wisely is to keep on learning the maxim from Makos 10b, which is linked to the Principle of 101 times:

“On the path one is determined/desires to go, that is how he will be led.”

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Let us divide this note into **7 components that will help us focus on doing our best:**

1) How to be determined?

It takes starting with knowing that Hashem had you in mind when He created the world. As we learn in Sanhedrin 37a, “One is obligated to say, ‘Hashem made the world because of me!’”

2) How to be enthusiastic?

Determination and desire are linked to enthusiasm! We need to cultivate and develop it. One who walks the path without caring much about it, will easily be distracted and miss many opportunities for growth to greatness.

Hashem does send opportunity knocking at our door, but we need to open the door with eagerness and excitement.

3) How to be focused?

After Avos 4:1, teaches us to learn from every person. We are taught, “Who is strong? One who conquers his inclination.” We need to strive not to waste our time, efforts and energy on frivolous pursuits.

Hashem helps those who help themselves and others. The more we pray for Hashem’s help and the more we toil to do what is the Torah way, Hashem will help us succeed.

4) Don't blame others.

We should keep on saying and thinking, "It is up to me," as our Sages teach us to say.

5) Essential Concentration.

Training oneself to think properly and accurately is very vital to success in all areas. This is included in the first Mishna of Avos... lesson one is "Be patient in judging issues."

We need to listen to others carefully and then think things over well. We need to understand clearly and to learn to express concepts with clarity. As we pay attention to and analyze the logic, we can gain crystal clarity.

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Avos 1:14 puts three more components together which the great Hillel would say daily:

- 1- If I don't do it for myself, who will do it for me?
- 2- Not by myself...I always need Hashem's help.
- 3- Now is the best time!

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6) Main Goal

What is your chief goal for today? Which lesson of our Sages have you chosen to review 101 times today?

When we start reviewing a statement of our Sages 101 times, we will begin to notice a turning point in our lives, with Hashem's help!

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Reviewing 101 times is considered a form of unlimited giving in serving Hashem.

Similar to the Talmudic teaching, "Give a tenth to charity and Hashem will make you wealthy." When you give, you will receive...Hashem is in charge.

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Another example is in the Rambam's teaching of how to succeed as an employee. The Rambam says:

- One is obligated not to waste any time from work, for that is a form of theft.
- One is also obligated to serve with all of one's power...and the rewards will also be in this world: great wealth!

7) To get more, give more...

...in quantity and quality.

When you raise your price, you need to first become more efficient and more effective.

The road that leads to more happiness is so close to you, you can choose it today to take it and thrive.

The Torah teaches us in many places how to live a happier life. This road leads in only one direction. It is summed up in Avos 4:1, "Who is truly wealthy?"

"One who rejoices with one's portions!"

Instead of saying someone has to do something, you can choose to be the somebody who can change your life and help the world.

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If you would wish for one prayer of yours to Hashem to come true today, what would you wish for?...



#### **4. The 101 Principle**

...My wish would be to have Hashem help me learn and practice the ability to concentrate to learn Torah with deep insights by studying each concept 101 times. This is the secret the Gemara says brings a person to achieve the super level of becoming an 'Eved Hashem.'

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There is a rule that the lessons we truly learn well are in proportion to the amount of study we invest to master it. Thus, when you learn a Mishna 101 times, you get to internalize the messages and develop a deep, profound acquisition in the subject matter.

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Imagine if you would study one new Torah lesson daily 101 times!

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Learning = earning, in more ways than just financial.

## 5. Consider...

- 1- What if you work hard, and
- 2- it makes you happy, and
- 3- you are helping many others, and
- 4- you are earning income that is sufficient for all of your needs and
- 5- you are growing more in your Torah and mitzvos than ever before?

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- The greatest service in the world is to serve Hashem!
- The highest form of serving Hashem is to study His Teachings 101 times...

## **6. Hashem's System**

The Talmud says that if we recite the Ashrei Prayer three times daily, we are guaranteed Eternal Rewards.

It also says that the most significant of all the verses in this chapter is -

“You open up Your Hand to satisfy the desires of all the living!”

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This verse uses the word 'desires,' which we also find in that greatest of Talmudic Teachings -

“On the path one desires to go, Hashem will lead him...” because “He opens His Hand to satisfy...”

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We should all apply this in our lives...