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A True Ayin Tova Has No Room in His Head to Get Involved in Criticism

Chazal say many reasons for the tragedy of: נָדָב וַאֲבִיהוּא *Nadav and Avihu*. Some say they had drunk wine, which disqualifies a *Cohen* from doing *Avoda*. Some say they were guilty of: מוֹרָה הִלְכָה בְּפָנֵי מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּן: issuing a halachic decision in the presence of their *Rebbe*, *Moshe*, which is *Chayav Missa*. Some say they wanted to take over *Moshe* and *Ahron*'s positions, hoping they would die. (Of course, we have no understanding of these giants). Yet, all *Moshe* mentions is: בְּקִרְבִּי אֶקְדָּשׁ ייג Hashem is sanctified (honored and feared) through those who are closest to Him. All he sees is their greatness, that they were chosen as a lesson, how careful we must be with the *Mishkan*, and it is a *Simcha* for *Ahron* to have had such great sons, who were even greater than *Moshe* and *Ahron*. Notice how *Moshe* sees only positive and goodness, and he ignores all negative! A true *Ayin Tova* has no room in his head to get involved in: רַע bad, he is full of love and positivism and *Bitachon*.

R' Nosson Wachtfogel *Zatzal* points out how *Gideon* was *Zoche* to save *Klal Yisroel* because he defended them and saw good. The *Zohar* says that *Gideon* wasn't a *Tzaddik* or son of a *Tzaddik*. Look how powerful is *Ayin*

Tova! The *Midyanim* were torturing the *Yidden*, and *Gideon* asked Hashem on the night of *Pesach*, "Why aren't the *Yidden Zoche* to *Yeshuos*, just like the *Yidden* in *Mitzrayim*?" And he was told: לֵךְ בְּכַחַךְ זֶה שׁוֹפְטִים ייג Go with this unusual power of *Ayin Tova*!

***Ayin Tova* is real power! I know a *Yungerman* who has seen radical changes in difficult members of his family, when he insisted on writing their *Maalos* all day.** When *Gideon* destroyed his enemies, *Shevet Ephraim* came to him to complain why he didn't invite them to help him (since they were big *Gibborim*). Instead of being grateful for his saving the whole *Klal Yisroel*, they complained and acted petty.

But *Gideon* agreed with them, that since they had killed: עֲרֵב וְזָאֵב *Orev and Ze'ev* (who were great officers of *Midyan*) they were actually superior to him. The *Ayin Tova* person isn't petty. He gives in easily, and doesn't have to be right. He'll happily give credit, even when it's not due; just to make peace. An *Ayin Tova* is relaxed and not stressed; he ***Fargins***.

***Dovid HaMelech* Said: A Good Person Always Reports Good News**

When *Avshalom*, the son of *Dovid*, lost the battle that he waged against his father, *Achimat*, son of *Tzadok*, the *Cohen Gadol*, came to tell him the good news. But he only told him the good news, that *Dovid* won the war; he left out the bad news that *Avshalom* was killed. ***Dovid* called him a good person who gives good news**, and he was promoted to a higher position. Only **his** family, *Bnei Tzadok*, will become *Cohanim Gedolim* when *Moshiach* comes. The family of *Evyasar HaCohen*, cannot. It is interesting that when *Adoniyahu ben Chagis* also

But I Hate This Nasty Fellow!

A *Yungerman* was working in an office, and he got the impression that certain co-workers disliked him, with their nasty, negative criticism. **He started imagining that everybody loved him, and he loved them. You can't imagine what a radical change took place! It's all up to you.**

In *Novardok* they kept saying: כַּמֵּיִם הַפָּנִים לִפְנֵיִם כֵּן לֵב Just like the water reflects your facial expression, your friends heart reflects your feelings towards him. When you force yourself to love the worst anti-Semite, you may even save your life, by working on seeing good and loving your sworn enemy. And talking to them is: לֹא דוֹקָא not necessarily needed; just your positive thoughts alone can save you. (But there are no: קְלָלִים rules).

My uncle, R' Manis Mandel *Zatzal*, once quoted the *Vishnitzer Rebbe*, and he said: **"As far as those who love me, it's already fine. And with regard to those who don't love, me I'll love them so much that they'll be forced to love me!"** R' Manis *Zatzal* lived such a life, and his children have plenty of pictures with him hugging people.

rebelled against *Dovid*, *Yehonasan ben Evyasar* reported the bad news to *Adoniyahu*.

They had just coronated *Shlomo* to be king, and *Yehonasan* told *Adoniyahu* that he just lost the crown. Notice how a leader is always the *Ayin Tova* person. An *Ayin Tova* type is “**above**” the pettiness and unending negativity that normal human nature is usually guilty of. **People who work on *Ayin Tova* and positivism are heading for greatness.**

Dovid HaMelech is **the** leader of *Klal Yisroel*, and our true *Moshiach Hashem*. Notice how his life is loaded with being *Dan L'kaf Zechus*, and even after *Shaul HaMelech* threw a spear at him three times, he still wasn't sure that *Shaul* was actually out to kill him! Look how he trusted *Avshalom* who played tricks on him, and how he forgave his worst enemies, like *Avner* and *Shim'i ben Gera*. He was *Maspid Avner* like he was the biggest *Tzaddik*, and he made *Shim'i ben Gera* his son *Shlomo's Rebbe*. This is despite the hatred that *Shim'i* had for *Dovid*, and despite the fact that *Avner* had instigated *Shaul* to consider *Dovid* his enemy!

Novardok

A friend of mine had tremendous aggravation from his son who wasn't doing well with *Shiduchim*. He went to Rav Galinsky to cry his heart out, since he realized that his son would probably remain a broken *Bachur* for the rest of his life. R' Galinsky *Zatzal* told him that his pain was unfounded. He had plenty of *Nachas* from his other children, so why isn't he dancing all day about them?

R' Galinsky *Zatzal* explained to him that people have a weird *Geshmak* in being sad, and they feel a certain (sick) importance about being a *Nebach*. Self-pity is a *Yetzer Hara*! And: עיקר חיות האדם שבירת המדות Our main purpose in life is breaking our *Middos*! The Orthodox community was always hurt by all those Anti-Semitic, self-hating Jews, like the N.Y. Times who love putting themselves down!

It's all the same *Midda*: Let's be negative and destroy ourselves! When the Arabs are busy blowing themselves up and hurting everybody, it is unfortunately the same idea. And just like we see the fallacy in their sick behavior, so should we realize that when we are sad, it is often the same idea!

Middos are tricky. Believe it or not, we all had a predisposition to secretly enjoy being a *Rachmanus* case, way before our actual difficult issue came up! You need to fight this all your life, by being happy to the extreme.

I know a true *Novardok* story where they were happy during a terrible time. You need *Mesirus Nefesh* in working on *Middos*.

I know a *Yungerman*, that whenever he has any kind of difficulty in life (including physical maladies), he yells at himself and says: “You get what you secretly enjoy!” Stop looking for trouble! בדרך שאדם רוצה לילך, בה מוליכין אותו! He told me that this works magic! Sometimes he needs to persist until he sees results, and all kinds of problems disappear (including blood clots).

About 10 years ago, I was preparing a *Dvar Torah* for my Bitachon Weekly, and I was looking for a *Sefer*. Somebody smiled and passed me a *Madregas HaAdam* (knowing that I'm a *Novardoker*). It was truly *Hashgacha*. A few minutes later, I was fighting cats and dogs with a major *Talmid Chochom* who I prefer discussing my *Vorts* with, since his greatness in *Torah* combined with his uncompromising criticism, helps me to be *Zoche* to a *Vort* that is true.

But this time, he really got carried away criticizing my *Vort* and screaming at me. (I also got carried away). I really had to tone down, so there was the *Madregas HaAdam* just when I needed it. I read a few paragraphs (with *Hispa'alus*) about working on *Middos*, and instantly I was in a different world. What magic! And it's so calming! There's nothing sweeter than *Mussar B'hispa'alus* (and a soft niggun). Later, we met, and we were best friends as if nothing happened.