



The Joy of Torah - For Life

Parshas Tetzaveh - True Pleasure!

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Let's imagine you had a good friend from high school who moved on and became fabulously wealthy and you hear that some of his practices aren't kosher, and you have a chance to tell him one thing, this is a good idea: The Rabbeinu B'chaya quotes a pasuk from Mishlei (15,16) "טוב-מַעַט בְּיָרֵאת יְהוָה מֵאוֹצֵר זָב וּמְהוּמָה בּוֹ:" and he explains that Shlomo Hamelech is coming to warn about gezel and is saying not to long for gold and silver that someone else received in illicit ways because what you have is tov! The little bit that you have rightfully is better than much wealth achieved in and unjust manner!

Why would someone listen to that?! Why would this fellow have more pleasure in this world from his small amount of possessions rather than so much?

The pshat is that this pleasure is real! This please comes from our nefesh, because emes is a trait connected to the essence of Hashem, and thus living a life of truth gives us real deep pleasure, not the fake pleasure that a person would have with all the money which is fake, but deep geshmak, rooted in our soul which is the true pleasure that comes from connecting to Hashem and his attributes!