

Why the Six Constant Mitzvos?

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Stop!

Think for a moment.

- Do you feel energized while performing Mitzvos?
- Have you ever felt a sense of pleasure when keeping the Halachah?
- Were you really happy to put on Tefillin this morning?
- Did you actually enjoy reciting Shemona Esrei today?

- If Hashem would personally give you his word that he wouldn't punish you for not being Frum, would you continue to observe Torah and Mitzvos?
- Do you feel any sense of jealousy towards secular people?

- Have your children ever overheard you talking to your wife about Hashem with enthusiasm?
- Do you ever "talk" to Hashem in the privacy of your mind?

- Have you ever thought about who cares about you most?
- Have you ever undertaken something special just to please Hashem?

If the answer to even some of the above is NO, this demonstrates that even though you might "talk the talk and walk the walk", and feel totally comfortable and at home in Borough Park, Lakewood, and Yerushalayim, you have not yet experienced true Yiddishkeit.

Your situation is analogous to a sleek, brand new computer, loaded with all the latest software and hi-tech wizardry, complete with a high-resolution monitor, whose electrical cord is not plugged in to the outlet!

This expensive computer with its outstanding features is absolutely useless until you get the electricity going.

To reap any benefit from the Mitzvos and Halachos of Yiddishkeit, one must plug into its essence.

What is the true essence of Yiddishkeit?

The essence of Yiddishkeit in a sound bite is –

“A healthy personal relationship with Hashem”.

All of Torah with its myriad details is a means and a method to enhance this unique relationship!

The surest method to develop and maintain a deep and everlasting relationship with Hashem is by learning and internalizing the profound messages contained in the Six Constant Mitzvos, as they are the basic components of a person’s sense of attachment and connection to Hashem.

The Six Constant Mitzvos were raised on a pedestal by the author of the classic Sefer Hachinuch. Subsequently many sages throughout the generations, including the world-renowned Chofetz Chaim, have taken up the banner of the Six Constant Mitzvos, as a sure-fast way of connecting to Hashem 24/7.

***One’s Mitzvos should not be independent acts
fulfilled in a vacuum.***

***Rather they should flow from a person’s
personal relationship with Hashem.***

