

Why are the Six Mitzvos 24/7?

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It happened.

You are engaged.

You finally met the girl of your dreams.

You feel with every fiber of your being an overwhelming sense of connection to her.

She is definitely your *Basherte*.

She is amazing, extremely capable, highly attractive, easygoing, and brilliant. In short, name a positive attribute and she has it.

Merely thinking about her inspires you.

A match made in heaven.

Although you are on cloud nine, reality has its place too, and you must show up to work the very next day. As a licensed actuary, there are numerous complex issues to be attended to on a daily basis. Some of these issues require enormous focus and concentration.

And now for the Sixty Million Dollar Question.

While you are grappling with the various facts and figures, are you also meditating about your glorious wife to be?

As an honest and conscientious employee, wanting to get the job done, you are probably not.

However, during those moments, as you are involved in the job, do you love your bride?

Are your feelings for her still intact?

Does there exist a sense of relationship, a deep connection with her?

If you are truly involved with her, the answer should be a resounding yes.

Sure, since your mind is on the work, you are not actually reflecting on your relationship. However, deep down, below the

surface, your being is permeated with strong feelings towards her.

As soon as your assignment is over, those powerful feelings will rush to the surface and you will certainly resume thinking about her.

The following might come as a shock to you, so hold on tight.

Every single word of the above is an apt description of the relationship with Hashem that lies dormant in your being, waiting to blossom into a bond that surpasses any love relationship that ever existed between human beings!

However, since nothing meaningful happens by itself, concrete steps must be taken to develop and reach that sublime level of connection. The steps we human beings take on the journey to intense closeness to Hashem are called Mitzvos. The root of the word Mitzvah according to ancient sources is the word 'Tzeves', which means connection and companionship. The primary goal of all Mitzvos is to enhance the all-encompassing individual connection with Hashem. One can consider them the roses, the jewelry, and the small gifts that every decent Choson feelingly invests in his Kallah as an expression of love and closeness.

There are various occasions during the courtship and engagement, when customarily one gives his beloved gifts. However, no one bombards his wife-to-be with presents at all times, day and night.

So too regarding Mitzvos, those deep gestures of closeness to Hashem, there are specific times and opportunities when we lovingly present them to Him. It is for this reason that generally no Mitzvah can be experienced constantly.

However, according to the profound insight of Sefer Hachinuch, the Six Constant Mitzvos are of a totally different nature. They are not to be viewed as gifts to Hashem flowing from our sense of connection to Him like the rest of the Mitzvos. Rather they should

be perceived as the very fabric of our relationship with Hashem. These Six Mitzvos contain and define the actual parameters of the connection and relationship possible between a person and the Master of the world.

As demonstrated above, in the deep feelings of a relationship there are no interruptions, it is unremitting. For this reason these Six Mitzvos, and only these, are applicable at all times. Our feelings and emotions towards Hashem should always exist at the core of our being even when our minds are occupied with other matters, like embers ready to burst into flames at any moment.

The idea expressed in this article might seem like a pipe dream or a fantasy to you. However if you study the Six Constant Mitzvos in depth, internalize their messages, and allow yourself to slowly absorb their ideas in a real and wholesome way, you will definitely start to sense and experience that tremendous connection to Hashem on a daily basis. Subsequently, your outlook towards life will change. Your approach towards Torah and Mitzvos will be transformed. Better yet, it will revolutionize your attitude towards yourself!

***Mitzvos are the requirements of our relationship
with Hashem.***

***The Six Constant Mitzvos however, are the very
essence of our relationship with Him.***

