

# פרק א · משנה י

שמעיה ואבטליון קבלו מהם. שמעיה אומר,  
**אהב את המלאכה, ושנא את הרבנות, ואל תתודע לרשות**

## 1. Love working creatively!

You have talents!! Hashem bestowed upon each and every one of us a unique set of gifts!! It is up to each one of us to identify these gifts and talents and to develop the amazing potential within ourselves.

Our חכמים tell us that if a person doesn't work creatively, he/she will wither away – or come to do *aveirot*, sins...

Each of us is a part of the בריאה, the beautiful world Hashem created. When we work to develop our talents, we become partners with Hashem in the creation of the world! This brings a person great satisfaction.

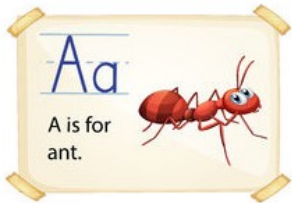


### כי אדם לעמל יולד (איוב ה, ז)

Imagine yourself as a seedling waiting to blossom.

But it takes **HARD WORK** to bring all of our potential to fruition...

- ENJOY THE PROCESS OF BECOMING YOU!



How is the humble **ANT** a role-model for **אהב את המלאכה**?  
**לך אל נמלה עצל, ראה דרכיה וחכם (משלי ו-ט רלב"ג)**

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## 2. Hate being in positions of power

People in power are challenged to maintain their humility and integrity.

***So who should occupy such positions??***

The Chofetz Chaim once advised one of his students to take on a position as a Rav. The student was in doubt and he explained that he feared the responsibility of ruling on questions of halacha, Jewish law. The Chofetz Chaim insisted and said, "Who should take on the position – someone who's not afraid of the responsibility?!"

Someone who despises holding positions of power will be protected from the dangers that come with power.



***If you find yourself as a leader or in a "position of power",  
what are important things to remember?***

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## 3. Don't become overly friendly with government officials

They are "fair-weather" friends; they are nowhere to be found when you need them!

This part of the משנה is discussed in greater detail in פרק ב משנה ג.