

Working for a Living

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**Rebbe Nachman of Breslov
taught...**

The song of the Levites—the natural and harmonious give and take among musicians—can be compared to working for a living in good faith.

Because business is also called “give and take,” and one needs to focus on its higher purpose in order to sanctify it.

(Likutey Moharan I:13)

What does this mean to me?

We often use the term “making a living” to speak about the work that we do to earn money. But it’s always important to remember that we can’t “make a living,” we can only live. The money that we earn helps us to do it, but our lives are much bigger than the money that we earn.

A prayer:

*Though I have no choice
but to work
to support myself
and those who depend on me,
let my job never dominate
my life and psyche.
Let me never be so caught up
in the pursuit of my livelihood
that I stoop to dishonesty
in order to get ahead.
Let me make no transaction
without recognizing
that any measure of success
I might find
can come only from You.*

(The Gentle Weapon, p. 15*)

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