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Posted by Rising Up - 05 Jun 2011 15:50

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Re: Giver or Taker?

Posted by KiviYVY - 06 Jun 2011 19:46

That IS something to think about. I'll add that it's not black and white. Yes, I do find myself giving in order to take. I might read my kids a book just to get them off my back, or clear my host's table because I want them to think I'm a mentch - but I can honestly say there's an element of real giving there too. Selfishness is a driving force, but I believe our motivations are a mix of colors along the spectrum.

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Re: Giver or Taker?

Posted by Yosef Hatzadik - 06 Jun 2011 19:55

Honesty.

100% honesty.

Waiting for appreciation is not 'giving'.

But 'perfectionism' is NOT a healthy choice.

Can we flip over from being a Taker & turn into a Giver in a moment?

Impossible!!

95% Taker = 5% Giver

90% Taker = 10% Giver

85% Taker = 15% Giver

As long as I can avoid being 100% Taker.....

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Re: Giver or Taker?

Posted by cordnoy - 10 Mar 2017 01:06

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Posted by eslaasos - 10 Mar 2017 02:17

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On the contrary.

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I have spent some time on this with a choshuve yid talkin', and contemplatin' my own actions.

When I am givin', am I really takin'?

This is so important.

And practical as well.

Thanks for askin'.

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Re: Giver or Taker?

Posted by eslaasos - 10 Mar 2017 13:49

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Posted by cordnoy - 10 Mar 2017 13:58

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Do you have any clarity on how to answer the question?

The clarity must come from within, but there are intellectual questions involved.

Perhapsl on today's call.

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Re: Giver or Taker?

Posted by cordnoy - 10 Mar 2017 14:19

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Do you have any clarity on how to answer the question?

The answer will be that it depends on our mindset.

thanks for the challenge.

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Re: Giver or Taker?

Posted by byebye - 11 Jun 2018 22:05

anyone know what time dovid chaims call in is?

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