

EMUNAH - FAITH BULLETIN # 19

**WHO IS WEALTHY? THE ONE WHO
IS HAPPY WITH HIS PORTION (PIRKE AVOT)**

YOUR WILL AND HASHEM'S WILL SHOULD COINCIDE

There is G-d's will. And there is my will. They should coincide, but don't always. Our choosing to accept or not to accept G-d's will has to do with the concept of *anna emloch* ("I rule"). If I accept G-d's will, then whatever happens, positive and negative, is really according to my will. By looking for the Godliness in whatever occurs, I believe everything that happens to me is G-d's will and therefore *k'seider*. There is order in my life. G-d rules! This is because "His will is my will." But if! do not look for the Godliness in everything, there will always be things happening which are against my will. I will see things as *shelo k'seider* and try to change them. "I rule! I decide! It is all in my power" May G-d save us! (Likkute Moharan II, 82).

Sadness is an evil trait. When one does not visit a *tzaddik* it may be due to sadness, sluggishness, and laziness. Likewise, sadness and sloth may prevent one from praying and studying Torah with inspiration and intensity due to a lack of faith. Certainly, if one has perfect faith and believes that G-d is close to him and hears every single word that comes from his mouth and hearkens to the sound of his prayer, he would definitely not feel any sadness, laziness, or sluggishness in his prayers. He would certainly pray properly. Confusion of prayer, however, comes mainly from a lack of faith. As a result, sloth and sadness come upon one and muddle his prayers, for sadness and sloth primarily derive from a lack of faith. Likkute Moharan I 155

“Everything Hashem does, He does for good.” (Berachot 60b)