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Humility is a True Key to Success



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Vayikra is the first word of this week's parasha, and the first word of the third book of the Torah. This is an idea that I read from Chief Rabbi Mirvis. He says that interestingly, the final letter of the word *vayikra* is a small *aleph*. When Moshe heard the words of Torah from God on Mount Sinai, the Torah says the words, "*Vayikra el Moshe*", meaning, "God called out to Moshe". However, Moshe in his humility did not want to write that down. Instead, he wrote a

small *aleph*, because without the *aleph*, the words read '*Vayikar el Moshe*', which means God happened to bump into Moshe. This is one of the many times in the Torah where we see the humility of Moshe. In fact, the Torah records that "Moshe was more humble than any other person on earth" (Bemidbar 12:3).

However, we could ask: where was Moshe's humility when he stood before Pharaoh and declared, "God says, 'Let My people go'"? And where was his humility when he used his authority to thwart the Korach rebellion? This is only a problem if we misunderstand the concept of humility. Humility doesn't mean that the humble person lacks

self-confidence. Rather, the humble person lacks all sense of arrogance and attributes their talents and abilities as blessings from God and thanks God for giving them that potential.

When a truly humble person is complimented, they don't think with arrogance, "Yes, I am the greatest". Rather, they say, "Thank you, it is thanks to God that I have these talents and abilities". True humility should never be a barrier to success and achievement. We can learn this from Moshe, who was our greatest achiever and also the most humble person that ever lived.

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