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Chazal say that once you've started a mitzvah a bit  
You should follow through and be the one to finish it  
To "Hamaschil b'mitzvah" we say "Follow through!  
It's best if this good deed is completed by you"

At the same we're taught that one should never say  
"I won't start this mitzvah, I can't finish anyway!"  
If Hashem puts you in a place where a mitzvah you can start  
You should begin by all means, you'll be doing your part

We find this by Moshe Rabbeinu and the mitzvah that he was given  
To establish Arei Miklat where someone would go live in  
If they killed accidentally and while they were there  
Nobody was allowed to hurt them, they could live there without fear

While there were three Arei Miklat in Canaan and three outside the land  
None would work until they all had been assigned this was Hashem's command  
Yet Moshe did not wait, to Eretz Yisroel he'd not go in  
He still made the ones in chutz la'aretz, his mitzvah he did begin

Now if you want to finish a mitzvah but you are not sure  
If the mitzvah is completed or you should do a little more  
You must think about what kind of mitzvah you've begun  
Then you can decide if you should stop or you should carry on

If the mitzvah is something nice like giving charity  
Then give some more, the more you give the more blessed you will be  
But if you must give someone malkos for a sin that they did  
Then it's better to do one too few than extra G-d forbid

In this week's Parsha Aharon is told that Hashem wants him  
To raise his staff and bring up frogs to punish Mitzrayim  
Rashi says one way to learn is that Aharon followed the command  
By bringing one frog which became many and soon covered the land

Since bringing the plague was meant to punish just like lashes do  
Aharon wanted to only do the minimum he was able to  
So he brought up one frog and said "My work's done  
Because when Hashem says Tzefardea He might mean just one"

Now if we are so precise to make sure we don't exceed  
Any necessary punishment or consequence or deed  
Then when it comes to rewards or any other good stuff  
We must never do too little, we should do more than enough!

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