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“Great is STUDY for it brings to ACTION”

1. Greater study causes “action ready” conclusion

e.g. RAV is often more scholarly than Rosh Yeshiva

Is this a celebration of ACTION or SCHOLARSHIP?

2. Action causes greater study

e.g. solving practical Halachic question

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3. Study is great when it INFUSES action

*e.g. Mitzvah practice infused with joy & energy
based on knowledge & appreciation of its meaning*

Is this a celebration of ACTION or SCHOLARSHIP?

How do we accomplish level 3?

Two approaches to life, & life as a Jew:

A. COMPARTMENTALIZED

Mind, action, etc. each independent
(e.g. Aristotle story)

B. SOUL CENTRIC UNISON

All activity is SOULFUL & therefore effects entire person
(e.g. Rambam’s approach: “The WISE are recognized in their physical behaviors
JUST AS in their spiritual ones”)

TALMUD:

R' Yitzchak said: It's been handed down to us from our **forebearers**:

The spies were all named for their misdeeds. However, **only one has come to our hands**:

SETUR ben MICHOEL:

He DESTROYED G-d's actions

Because (son of) MEEKNESS

R' Yochanan added: **We can also say this**:

NACHBI ben VOFSI:

He HID G-d's words

Because (son of) he trampled (or skipped over) G-d's Plan (Emotions)