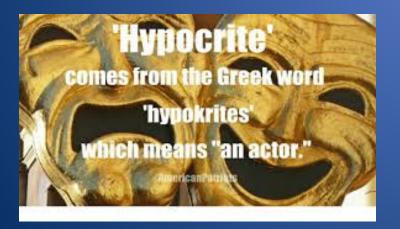
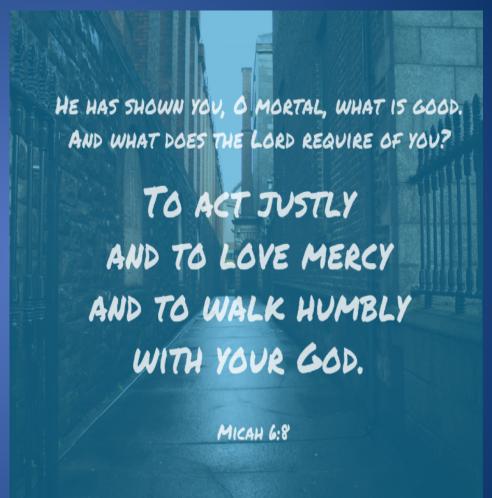
## Matthew 23:23

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others

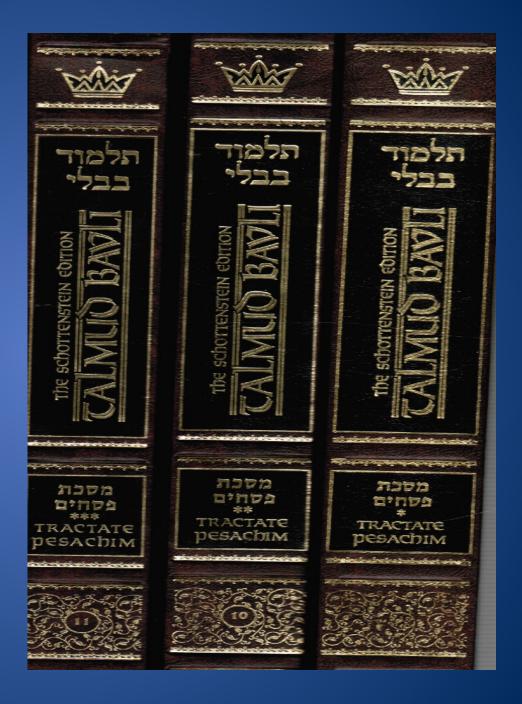


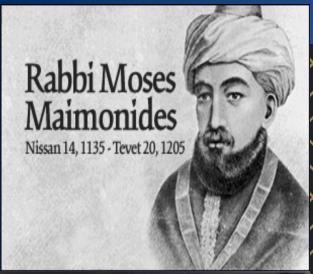


"One who gives charity and says, 'on the condition that my child is healed from sickness,' or 'on the condition that I earn a reward in the world-tocome,' this person is completely righteous" (Pesachim 8)

"A person should always engage in Torah study and good deeds, even if not for their own sake, because through the doing of them not for their sake one gains understanding and comes to do them for their own sake"

(Pesachim 50b)







## The eight levels of tzedaka (charity) according to Maimonides, from lowest to highest:

8. Giving unwillingly;
7. Giving cheerfully but not a sufficient amount;

6. Giving only after being asked;5. Giving before being asked but directly to the recipient (which can be embarrassing for him);

4. When the recipient is anonymous but the donor's identity is known;

3. When the donor is anonymous but the recipient's identity is known;

2. When both the recipient and donor are anonymous – this is purely altruistic;

1. Enabling a person to support himself through a gift, a loan or a job so that he will no longer need to depend upon others.

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