

Striving to please G-d ?

Dear Elana,

I need to comment on your “striving” because it is so different than what I feel humans are supposed to be doing with their lives.

Our actions and our thoughts should not revolve around pleasing G-d. We are here merely to live a happy and constructive life and that is made easier by following G-d’s suggested modes of behavior. If an individual or a society achieves these types of well being, then G-d will be pleased.

Here’s an analogy. Should it be your children’s preoccupation to please you? Of course it shouldn’t be. They *will* please you though if they develop to their full potential and come to live happy and constructive lives.

G-d will be pleased if you strive to be happy in a responsible way.

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