

# BILVAVI

BUILDING A SANCTUARY IN THE HEART

לחיות את הפרשה **LIVING THE PARSHA**

**PINCHAS 456**

פִּינְחָס בֶּן אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן הֵשִׁיב אֶת חַמְתִּי מֵעַל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקִנְאוֹ אֶת קִנְאַתִּי בְּתוֹכָם וְגו' (במדבר כה, יא)

“Pinchas son of Elazar son of Aharon the Kohen, turned back My wrath from upon Bnei Yisrael when he zealously avenged my vengeance among them...” (Bamidbar 25:11)

## SPIRITUAL COURAGE

The root of spiritual courage is to have a determined will, without compromise, and without doubts.

### IN PRACTICE

The first step is to be one hundred percent certain that the deed you plan to do must be done. Then, arouse your desire, like a burning fire. Increase your yearning, until it reaches its full potency.

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## SPIRITUAL COURAGE

When something has to be done for Hashem's honor, *tzaddikim* are prepared to do it, and nothing can hold them back. This week's *parashah* tells that Pinchas killed two sinners who made a *chilul* Hashem with their public *aveirah*. There were many reasons for Pinchas to refrain. But he knew that this was Hashem's will, and he performed with *mesirus nefesh*.

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

To do Hashem's will with courage, and without fear, is when one is certain that this deed is Hashem's will. When one isn't certain, the *yetzer hara* has place to come in, and to prevent him. The next step is to develop a burning desire in the heart to do this essential deed for Hashem's honor. When these two steps are in place, nothing can stop him from doing great things for Hashem.

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