



### **Parashat Be-Chukkotai**

This week's Parasha begins by saying "If you keep My ways, and My commandments you keep, and you do them, there will be blessing, etc." Why is it necessary for the double expression of keep and do? The Pasuk teaches us a new concept in understanding the ability of a person. We live in a society where all kinds of behavior is acceptable. People justify the way they are acting by saying: "this is how I am, and I am unable to change." A person is able to change. After continuously repeating proper behavior the correct way of acting becomes part of him. The Pasuk is telling us if a person "keeps" the ways of Hashem and lets the Mitzvot become part of him, then it will make him into a better person.

Shabbat Shalom!

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