A Lesson from the Rabbis of the Mishnah (250 CE)

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אַיזֶהוּ חָבָם, הַלּוֹמֵד מִבֶּל אָדָם, שֶׁנֶּאֲמֵר (תהלים קים), מַבֶּל מְלַמְּדֵי הִשְּׂבַלְתִּי כִּי עַדְוֹתֶיךְ שִׁיחָה לִּי.

WHO IS WISE?
THE ONE WHO LEARNS FROM EVERYONE!
AS IT IS WRITTEN, "FROM ALL MY TEACHERS I HAVE GAINED UNDERSTANDING."
(PSALM 119:99)

אַיזֶהוּ גָבּוֹר, הַכּוֹבֵשׁ אֶת יִצְרוֹ, שֶׁנָּאֲמֵר (משלי מז), מוֹב אֶרֶךְ אַפַּיִם מִנְבּוֹר וּמשֵׁל בְּרוּחוֹ מִלֹּבֵד עִיר.

WHO IS STRONG?
THE ONE WHO CONQUERS THEIR EVIL IMPULSE!
AS IT IS WRITTEN, "ONE WHO IS SLOW TO ANGER IS BETTER THAN THE MIGHTY."
(PROVERBS 16:32)

אַיזֶהוּ עָשִיר הַשָּׁמֵחַ בְּחֶלְקוֹּ, שֶנֶּאֲמֵר (תהלים קכח),יְגִיעַ כַּפֶּיךּ כִּי תֹאכֵל אַשְּׁרֶיךְ וְטוֹב לָךְ. אַשְּׁרֶיךְ, בָּעוֹלָם הַזֶּה. וְטוֹב לָךְּ, לָעוֹלָם הַבָּא.

WHO IS RICH?
THE ONE WHO IS CONTENT WITH WHAT THEY HAVE!
AS IT IS WRITTEN, "WHEN YOU EAT THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS,
HAPPY WILL YOU BE AND ALL WILL BE WELL WITH YOU."
(PSALMS 128:2)

אַיזֶהוּ מְכָבָּד, הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַבְּרִיּוֹת, שֶׁנָּאֲמֵר (שמואל א ב), בִּי מְכַבְּדִי אֲכַבֵּד וּבֹזַי יֵקְלוּ:

WHO IS HONORED?
THOSE WHO HONOR ALL PEOPLE!
AS IT IS WRITTEN, "THOSE WHO HONOR ME, I WILL HONOR."
(I SAMUEL 2:30)