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ever-expanding enterprise."

The simple-minded fisherman was confused. "Um, okay, but how long will all this take?" To which the banker replied, "Oh, not more than 15 to 20 years."

"Okay, and then what?" asked the fisherman .

The banker laughed and said that's the best part. "When the time is right you would sell your company stock to the public and become very rich. You would make millions."

The fisherman was still having trouble comprehending. "Millions? Okay, and then what?"

The investment banker stopped smiling and thought about it. He finally understood the fisherman's simple logic and the way in which he was grateful and content with all that he had. "Well, I guess, then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take breaks with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play music with your closest friends!"

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(â-â) 'âëâ ïùääá úà íéâââ ðòúâ òò ùâíé ââ éñðëíâ ââ ââí ïäëâ ùâíâ

Hashem commanded that the ääääë éääâ - Priestly vestments, be worn when the service of removing the ashes from the çââí - Altar, was performed. The famous question is asked: The mitzvah of ïùääá úíâðú - Removing the ashes, is considered a relatively low form of service, and yet, the kohen is commanded to fulfill this mitzvah wearing his holy and special garments. Why is this so?

R' Yitzchok Magriso of Constantinople ZT"L explains that we are meant to learn an important lesson. The kohen was to wear his ääääë éääâ even while performing this lowly service, because it was still an äääâð to Hashem and he must be careful of Hashem's honor. This must be all the more true of our tefillos, which are meant to take the place of the korbonos themselves, when we daven to Hashem in shul. When a person comes to davening, he must wear honorable clothing and he must prepare himself properly. Unlike those who come to shul dressed in an inappropriate fashion: During the summer without an outer garment and proper shoes on one's feet. Sometimes wearing only a small head covering without a larger hat. Doing so, displays a lack of respect and honor while in the act of performing the service of Hashem. Just as the kohen was commanded to wear his priestly vestments, as a show of honor and respect, even for the lowliest of services in the mishkan, so too, must we prepare ourselves and dress as respectfully as possible and not merely daven in any state one happens to find himself in.

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(âé-æ) 'âëâ äääúâ çââ òò äéð÷ââ äðäéð÷é äääú òò íâ

A rich investment banker on a business trip, was at the pier of a small coastal village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellow fin tuna. The banker complimented the fisherman on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them. The fisherman replied, "Only a little while."

The investment banker then asked, "Why didn't you stay out longer and catch more fish?" The fisherman said, "With this, thank G-d, I have more than enough to support my family's needs."

The banker couldn't fathom the thought of it. He asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?"

The fisherman said, "Well, I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take a break with my wife, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine and play music with my closest friends. Thank G-d, I have a full and busy life."

The investment banker scoffed, "I have a degree in business and I could help you. You obviously have a talent for catching fish. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats. Eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman you could sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing and distribution. With all this money, you could then afford to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to a big city where you can compete in big business and from where you will run your