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Rashi states that the Torah is teaching and praising the level of Aharon *HaKohen's* and his sons' commitment. "They did not deviate 'right or left'" from all that they were commanded, and did exactly as instructed despite the voluminous details and minutae involved in these laws. *Sifra* comment that this alludes not only to their execution of the *mitzvah*, but also to the joy inherent in their performance. Although they did not hear the command directly from Hashem, Aharon and his sons performed it with enthusiasm and zest. There was no volunteering someone else, shrugging of shoulders, or exhibiting false modesty. They were told and immediately accepted without fanfare.

The *Chasam Sofer*, *zl*, asked one of his congregants to lead the *tefillah*, services. The congregant responded atypically, presenting a side of humility heretofore unknown to anyone. He shrugged his shoulders, as if to say that he was unworthy of such a distinguished honor. The *Chasam Sofer* countered, "The Torah teaches that, 'Aharon and his sons carried out all the matters.' *Rashi* explains that Aharon and his sons listened without deviating to the right or left. This means that they did not shrug their shoulders in 'humility.' They did not present themselves as being unworthy. They were told to do something, and they did it!" Excessive humility is a subtle form of arrogance.