

"And if your brother becomes poor and his hand becomes shaky next to you then you shall support him." (25:35)

There are individuals who by their very nature are worriers. Although blessed with great wealth and capital on which they and their families could live very comfortably, they do not cease to worry and toil to amass an even greater fortune. These individuals are often troubled and anxious about the future. In contrast to these individuals, are those who are usually happy and content, comforted by their trust and reliance in Hashem as their source of sustenance and fulfillment. It is an interesting phenomenon that when these individuals are approached to participate in a charitable endeavor, their responses are often opposite to their apparent nature. The one who is anxious and worrisome will tell you to trust in Hashem, and wait for His salvation, while the one who is full of faith and trust concerning his own needs, will immediately respond with whatever he may scrimp together.

The individuals who worry about the future illustrate a deceptive trust in Hashem. An individual who truly trusts in Hashem should act accordingly in his own lifestyle. He should not worry about the future, while neglecting to serve Hashem properly in the present. The same worries which concern him regarding the future livelihood of his family should likewise concern him regarding others. This is the meaning of the *Torah's* admonition "*ve'hechezakta Bo*" - "*and you should support him.*" When your needy brother turns to you for help do not respond by advising him to trust in Hashem but rather immediately support and sustain him.