

"And you shall provide out of the people able men, G-d fearing, men of truth, hating unjust gain... and Moshe chose able men out of Yisrael." (18:21,25)

This *pasuk* seems to imply that it would not be easy to find truly honest and G-d fearing men. Indeed, Moshe had to rely upon *ruach ha'kodesh*, Divine inspiration, in determining the true nature of these men. *Horav Moshe Shternbuch, Shlita*, points out that individuals of such laudable character do not seek to publicize themselves as they are secure in their own self-image. They tend to hide from public recognition. Moshe had to resort to a somewhat novel approach for finding these unique individuals.

The *Chezkuni* makes a profound interpretation of G-d fearing men. He suggests that a true *yoreh shomayim*, G-d fearing Jew, fears only Hashem and no other being. Fear of man detracts from fear of Hashem. This concept may also be advanced in regard to *bitachon*, trust in Hashem. To place one's trust in Hashem means to devote one's entire faith to the Almighty. To apportion one's *bitachon* is to indicate a deficiency in one's trust in Hashem's "ability" to minister to his needs.