Distance yourself from a bad neighbor
And don’t associate with a wicked person
And don’t give up hope that the bad person will be punished for his deeds

1. Everyone wants to have friends, but we must be careful to choose the right friends.
   Friends who are bad influences can cause us trouble.

2. Nothing that a person does is overlooked. The people who do good things will be rewarded and those whose deeds are evil will be punished.

Love work
And hate being in a position of power
And don’t join with the government officials

1. A person should keep himself busy. It is important to do good things with your time and not to idle.

2. Even if people in high positions are powerful, there are many difficulties they have to face.
He (יהלוי) would say ........................................
If I am not concerned about myself, who will be for me? ..........................
And if I am only for myself, what am I? ..................................................
And if not now, when? .................................................................

1. Even though we have to be concerned about other people, we must also think of ourselves: our health, our families and our education.
2. Many people only think of themselves, but יהלוי teaches us that we must also think of others.
3. “Never put off for tomorrow what you can do today”.

Everyone has the potential to do wonderful things. The trick is to find our strengths and to build on them.

A man came to the Baal Shem Tov and cried to him, “Rebbe, I have been praying for years to see אוליגד הנביא. I haven’t been able to. How can I be worthy to see him?” The Baal Shem Tov said, “Fill your wagon with food and clothing, travel to the city where the widow, Rebbitzin Feigy lives with her large family. Take the wagon and empty it into her home.”

The man followed the Baal Shem Tov’s instructions. When he came to the widow’s door, he heard Rebbitzin Feigy crying to her children, “Oy, my dear children, we don’t have enough food and your clothing is torn and threadbare!” Her young son replied, “Don’t cry, Mommy. ‘ו’ will help us!” At that moment, the man opened the door and unloaded the contents of his wagon into the house. The surprised widow and children now had all the food and clothing they needed. The man looked around the room, hoping to see אוליגד הנביא, as the Baal Shem Tov had promised, but he did not see him.

The man traveled back to the Baal Shem Tov and said, “I did exactly what the Rebbe has told me but I did not see אוליגד הנביא.” The Baal Shem Tov told him to return to the widow’s house once more with food and clothing. He obeyed the Rebbe and went back.

Again, he heard the widow cry, “Oy, tomorrow is יום כיפור and we don’t have enough food or the nice clothing.” Again her son said, “Don’t worry, Mommy. ‘ו’ will help!”

At that moment, the man opened the door and unloaded his wagon once again to the wonder of the widow and her children! The little boy’s sister turned to her brother and said, “Who is this man who always comes when we are in need?” The boy answered, “He must be אוליגד הנביא!”

Yes, we all have in ourselves the ability to be אוליגד הנביא. Don’t look elsewhere, just look into your own abilities, and you will be successful.
Make your study fixed. 
Speak little, but do a lot. 
And greet every person. 
With a cheerful face.

1. Set aside time for study every day and you will be successful.
2. Actions speak louder than words. It is more important to do good things than to talk about them.
3. You can brighten another person’s day by greeting him or her with a smile and a warm hello.

The world exists because of three things
Because of justice;
And because of truth;
And because of peace.

As it says: 
“Truth and justice, peace should rule in your gates.”

1. Honest people help the world exist.
2. It is very important that we all follow the laws of the country.
3. The world would be a better place if we could all get along.
What is the proper path (in life) a person should choose? One that is honorable and distinguished for the one who takes it. And one that brings him honor and distinction from people. And be as careful with a “minor” as you are with a “major” one. Because you do not know the reward for. And think about the loss you have when you don’t do a. And think about the gain that you have when not doing an. Think about three things and you will not come to do a sin.知 what is above you. An eye that sees. An ear that hears. And all your acts are recorded in a book.

1. One should not think that seemingly easy receive less reward than seemingly hard.
2. A person should always realize what he loses by doing sins instead of doing.
3. We should always imagine that there is a camera and a tape recorder in Heaven seeing and listening to everything we do and say.

The Chofetz Chaim asked, “Why are there so many more inventions in our generation than ever before? Now we have telephones, cameras, stereos and more?” He answered that although the says that there is an eye watching from afar and an ear hearing from far and all the actions of a person are recorded, people didn’t believe it. Now that we have telephones, cameras and stereos, we can better understand how this is true.

Many of the great Torah scholars and Rabbis gathered at the first World Agudah Convention in Europe. Photographers wanted to take pictures, but some scholars didn’t want their pictures taken. Rabbi Meir Shapiro, who instituted the system of Daf Yomi, learning one page of a day, felt strongly that the event should be recorded on film, so that future generations could be inspired by the faces of these great people. He related it to the story of, who was saved from sinning when he saw the face of his father, looking down at him in the room. Just looking at the faces of our great can greatly effect a person! This is why so many people have pictures of Gedolim on the walls of their homes.
Do not separate yourself from the community.
And do not believe in yourself until the day of your death.
And do not judge your fellow man until you have reached his place.
Do not make a statement that cannot easily be understood, thinking it will be understood eventually.
And do not say when I have free time, I will study for perhaps you will never have free time.

**POINTS TO PONDER**

1. A person should try to have a group of friends. It is not healthy to be alone.
2. Do not judge your friends until you go through a similar experience.
3. Don’t put off learning, hoping you will eventually have time, because that may never happen.

He used to say

An uncivilized person cannot be afraid of sin.
And an unlearned person cannot be a righteous person.
And a bashful person cannot learn.
And a person who gets angry easily cannot teach.
And a person who spends too much time in business cannot become wise.
And in a place where there are no leaders, try to be a leader.

**POINTS TO PONDER**

1. When you don’t understand something, don’t be afraid to ask questions.
2. One must study the Torah in order to do mitzvot correctly.
He said to them (his students) Go out and see which is the best path that a person should attach himself to. 

Rabbi Yitzchak Abarbanel: A person should attach himself to Rabbi Yehuda says, “A good friend” 

Rabbi Yitzchak Abarbanel: A person should attach himself to Rabbi Yitzchak Abarbanel says, “A good neighbor” 

Rabbi Shimon ben Zoma: He says, “One should consider the outcome of his actions” 

Rabbi Yitzchak Abarbanel: He prefers the words of Rabbi Yitzchak Abarbanel to your words.

Because his words (a good heart) include everything you said in your words.

**Points to Ponder**

1. Try to look at things with a positive eye and always be cheerful.
2. A person who is a good friend will have good friends.
3. Think of what the results will be before doing anything.
4. The most important thing to have is a good heart.

An evil eye, bad desires and hatred of other people. Remove a person from the world.

**Points to Ponder**

1. People who are jealous never enjoy what they have.
2. A person who can’t get along with others will have very few friends.
Give back from that which He gives you (money, talents, ability).
Because you and your possessions are His.
And so we find by sus, who says:
Everything comes from You, and whatever we have, comes from Your hand.

**Points to Ponder**

1. Since everything we have comes from 'ד, we must give צדקיה with the money that He gives us.
2. This does not apply only to money, but also to abilities and talents.

He (רבי יהודה בן רמי) used to say:
All whose good deeds exceed his wisdom.
His wisdom will last.
But anyone whose wisdom exceeds his good deeds.
His wisdom will not last.

**Points to Ponder**

1. Putting your wisdom into action by doing מצוות is the best way to become wise.
2. It is not enough to just learn about תורה and מוהר, you must put your learning into action.
The person whose fear of sin goes before his wisdom... His wisdom will last.
But anyone whose wisdom goes before his fear of sin... His wisdom will not last.

Points to Ponder

1. We are all given wisdom to use for good purposes and not for bad ones.
2. People who are plotting to do bad things will always be outsmarted and caught.

Mishnah Insights

“The person whose fear of sin goes before his wisdom...”

The Talmud tells us that we should not sway from the rulings of the Gemara, either toward the right or left. This means that we should always have a minyan Gemara and read the Gemara, even if we don’t understand their meaning.

A Gerrer Kollel talmid, Dovid, lived in a small apartment in Yerushalayim with a wife and eight children. In addition to the meager salary he received from the Kollel, he received a disability pension from the Israeli government as he suffered from a serious illness and could not work. He didn’t have enough to feed his family.

Dovid spoke to his caseworker about his need for additional funds. The caseworker told him that an increase would only be given after an unannounced home visit. Dovid became very nervous and decided to ask the Gerrer Rebbe for a bracha. After explaining the case, the Rebbe nodded his head, closed his eyes and handed Dovid an orange. He said, “It will help. Go home and make a blessing on this orange, together with your family.”

Dovid didn’t understand how this would help, but he decided to follow the Rebbe’s instructions. Later that evening, he gathered his family around the table and cut the orange into ten pieces. He gave one to his wife and each child. They recited the bracha together and ate the orange. A few days later, Dovid received the following letter from the government office.

“I came to make a home visit this week, but I did not come into your home. As I got near your apartment, I heard through an open window that you were sitting down to a meal with your family. You told them that you were cutting a single fruit to share. I did not need to come inside to complete my interview, because I saw your need for additional money. Your request has been approved and you will be getting an increased check shortly.”
He used to say ..............................................................
The one whose pleasant actions make him ....................
beloved by his fellow man
He is also beloved by ‘ה (because of these actions) ........
But the one who actions do not .................................
make him beloved by his fellow man
He is also not beloved by ‘ה (because of these actions) ....

1. If someone acts nicely to others, ‘ה is surely happy with them in שמי.
2. If someone acts in a way that is not pleasing to others, his actions are also not pleasing to ‘ה.

He used to say ..............................................................
Sleeping late in the morning ........................................
And drinking wine in the afternoon ............................
And childish conversation ........................................
And attending the synagogues of the ignorant ...........
Remove a person from this world ..............................

1. Sleeping late in the morning starts the day off on a wrong note.
2. Speaking about unimportant things and keeping company with people who are bad influences can spoil a person's life.
He (ב"א צ"א) used to say: 
You should not treat any person as if he is worthless.
And you should never think that something has no use.
Because there is no person who does not have a time that he is important.
That does not have a place where it is important.

**POINTS TO PONDER**

1. We should not insult anyone or anything in this world.
2. We should not look at any of 's creations as meaningless or unimportant.
3. Every person has a special role to play in this world. Everyone can make a unique donation, and everyone has a time and place where he is important.

Rabbi Yisroel Zevi says: 
Anyone who honors the א"ה will be honored by people.
And anyone who disgraces the א"ה will be disgraced by people.

**POINTS TO PONDER**

1. What are some things included in honoring the א"ה?
   a. Honoring a ספר א"ה
   b. Honoring and showing respect for people who study and teach א"ה
2. What are some things included in disgracing the א"ה?
   a. Disgracing a ספר א"ה
   b. Disgracing people who study and teach א"ה
   c. Included in this is also acting in a way that creates a ' Hickel ' (disgracing 's name)
1. These three crowns correspond to the three things that the world stands on:
   - The Temple service and kindness (the Jewish royal kings who represent kindness).

2. The best thing a person can have is a good name.

1. This world is only a hallway in comparison to the importance of the World to Come.
   The World to Come is compared to a banquet hall.

2. A person must prepare properly in this world in order to acquire a good portion in the next world.
JEALOUSY:

1. Don't be jealous of someone's possessions, position or power.

2. Instead of being envious of a learned person, try to learn from him or her and follow his/her example. An example of the terrible effects of jealousy:כד רֹאשׁ was jealous ofוֹאָרָיו and אֵד. He caused a great rebellion among the Jewish people. In the end, רֹאשׁ and his followers were swallowed alive by the earth.

DESIRE:

1. The desire for money or physical needs can be a destructive force within a person.

An example of proper desire: רב 것이והד הנשה: a very rich man who had all the comforts of this world. Before he died, he lifted his ten fingers to Heaven and testified that he did not take the slightest bit of personal pleasure from this world or desire it for himself. All of his wealth was used for a higher purpose.

2. A person should be happy with what he has and not constantly desire more and more.

SEEKING HONOR:

1. The love of honor and glory affects a person's life in a negative way.

2. Seeking honor is only acceptable when one accepts the honor in order to enhance the honor of יוהד and His וּמוֹד. An example of the terrible effect of seeking honor: רְאֵב יִשְׂרָאֵל, one of the kings of יוהד, had a great need for honor and glory. He was afraid that he would lose the respect of the Jewish people when they gathered in the בית המקדש for יוהד. He was afraid that he would seem secondary to the King of יוהד, because he would have to stand with the rest of the Jewish people while the king of יוהד sat and read from the מִסְתַּר. As a result, he discouraged the Jewish people from going to ירושלים for the festivals by establishing his own houses of worship, and this was a very big וּמוֹד.
There were ten generations from adam to ... 

To show them how slow \( \text{ד} \) is to anger ... 

For all those generations angered Him increasingly ... 

Until He brought upon them the waters of the Flood ... 

POINTS TO PONDER 

1. In order to give people the opportunity to do, \( \text{ד} \) has patience and does not immediately punish those who do wrong.

2. \( \text{ד} \)'s patience does not last forever. Eventually there are consequences for one's actions.

He was tested with ten trials ... 

And he withstood all of them ... 

This shows how great \( \text{אברהו} \)’s love was for ... 

POINTS TO PONDER 

1. \( \text{ד} \) is constantly testing us in life in order to give us the opportunity to get stronger and better.

2. The more effort we put in, the more clearly it shows our love for \( \text{ד} \).
There are four ways people can approach the house of study.

a) one who goes but does not study

Has the reward for going in his hand.

b) one who studies (at home) but does not go (to the house of study)

Has the reward for studying in his hand.

c) one who goes and studies is a pious individual

d) one who does not go and does not study (at home) is a wicked person

1. ד"ה is so important that one is even rewarded just for going to an environment where ד"ה is studied.

2. י"ה rewards a person for every step taken in the pursuit of ד"ה.

Be bold as a leopard, And light as an eagle, Swift as a deer, And strong as a lion.

To do the will of your Father in Heaven.

1. One must be bold and ambitious when serving י"ה. Don’t look for reasons to be excused from responsibilities.

2. Be swift and enthusiastic in performing מצוות.

3. Use your unique character to serve י"ה properly.
Delve into the *vrut* from all sides and continue to delve into it.
Because everything is in it.
Look deeply into it.
Grow old and gray over it.
You should never move away from it.
For you can have no better portion than it.

According to the pain involved in doing, so will be the reward.

1. All of life’s wisdom is contained in the *vrut*.
2. Go beneath the surface to gain the true wisdom of the *vrut*.
3. People can discover additional ideas each time they study the *vrut*.
4. The more effort you put into your learning, the greater your reward will be.

It is human nature to want to arrive at a conclusion quickly when studying the *vrut*, and to examine the text superficially as a result. However, true wisdom and accurate conclusions can only be reached when one learns intensely and penetrates deeply below the surface. A reexamination of a previously studied topic is especially helpful in revealing new insights, because a review forces one to think more intently about the subject in which one is immersed.

The Chofetz Chaim used this method of intense study in all of his *vrut* studies, and he examined each topic that he learned in great depth as he tried to come to the correct conclusion from the text. The Chofetz Chaim devoted twenty eight years of his life to writing the *mishna hinhagot*, the classic multi-volume commentary relating to the laws of daily Jewish life. One cannot depict the incredible effort that the Chofetz Chaim expended as he sought to clarify the laws for the sake of his people. In many instances, he spent weeks and even months immersed in a single chapter of the *mishna hinhagot*. The Chofetz Chaim truly experienced "the pain involved in doing," his reward for his dedication to studies was to be enlightened by and to be granted the ability to understand the *vrut*. The culmination of this reward was the *mishna hinhagot*, considered to be the final word on all matters relating to the laws of daily Jewish life.
He who learns from his friend .......................................................... יד אומד משבר
A single chapter, a single law, a single verse, ................................. אפר כלא אומד אתד אתד אמס אומד
Or a single Torah statement or even a single letter .......................... או בדואר אומד אתד אפוסל אתד אתד
Must treat his friend with honor ...................................................... עזרך לוגב בכם.
As we find that ersten, king of Israel ............................................. אנו מצינו בור מיל ישראל.
Learned only two things from ....................................................... למדו למדמאוחפל אלה שיני דביש בלבד.
Yet he called him his teacher, his guide and his close advisor. ........... או רבי רבי, אלה נומרי.

POINTS TO PONDER

1. The gift of knowledge is so great that we must honor those who teach us even a little.

2. Never underestimate a moment of learning, because even a very small amount is so valuable.

Do not seek greatness for yourself .................................................. לא בחקג גדרת לנדמר.
And do not desire honor ............................................................... אול תמרב כבד.
Let your actions be even greater than your learning .......................... יתור体检ו או השה.
Do not desire for the table of kings ................................................. לא תראהוleveland השלוים.
Because your table is greater than their table .................................. ששלחרג אורל מלמדים.
And your crown is greater than their crown .................................... חקרג נלי מתים.
And your Master can be trusted ..................................................... וגמנ מוה בגעל מלאתקחר שישלו כר פעלחר.

to pay you for your work

POINTS TO PONDER

1. Do not seek greatness for yourself, no matter how much you learn and how many you perform.

2. Do not be tempted by the lifestyle of royalty, because the reward in the World to Come for a Torah life is greater than anything a king can give you.
This is the way of הוריה .............................................
Eat bread with salt ..............................................
Drink water in small measures ..........................
Sleep on the ground ...........................................
Live a life of hardship .........................................
But you should still work hard in הוריה study ....

“You are praiseworthy, and it is well with you” ...........................
“You are praiseworthy” – in this world ..............................
“And it is well with you” – in the World to Come ..........

-points to ponder-

1. A person should not let his poverty get in the way of his הוריה learning, no matter how poor he may be.

2. A person’s love for הוריה should be so deep that he would be willing to sacrifice luxuries for it.

-mishnah insights-

Sometimes, when a difficulty arises, people perform the מצוה with a feeling of sadness and they project an impression of how hard it is to be a Jew.

Rav Moshe Feinstein, a Gadol Hador of his generation, often spoke of the importance of performing המצוות with a sincere sense of joyness, even when the fulfillment of a מצוה requires an enormous amount of personal sacrifice.

Rav Moshe did more than speak of this belief - he practiced it on a daily basis. Rav Moshe would spread out his young son’s clothing on the radiators in the early hours of the cold winter mornings, and when his garments were warm, he would dress his son under the covers before sending him off to Yeshiva. Rav Moshe minimized the discomfort his son experienced while awakening early in his cold room, because he wanted his son to look forward to הוריה study even though his preparations for learning were difficult. His son associated הוריה study with the physical warmth of his clothing and the emotional warmth of his father, and Rav Moshe thereby successfully instilled in him a love for and an appreciation of הוריה.

Rav Moshe’s own learning reflected this principle as well. He spent many, many hours each day immersed in Torah study, awakening at 4:00 a.m. every morning in order to begin his learning in the calm, quiet hours before שחרית. Despite Rav Moshe’s long hours and intense study, he once confided that no matter how exhausting his schedule was on any given day, he always found great joy in the הוריה and never fell asleep while learning. Rav Moshe truly internalized the importance of practicing mitzvot with joy; the enthusiasm and pleasure that he derived from his הוריה study genuinely uplifted his spirit and was a complete fulfillment of אישור ביעלום הוה טוב ל”ר ביעלום הבה “.
Great is...  
For it gives life to those who follow it  
Both in this world and in the World to Come

1. creates a wonderful and enjoyable lifestyle even in this world, for people who follow the way are the happiest.
2. The study of, plus its application in practice, provides man with a good life both here and in the World to Come.

Everything that created in His world  
He created only for His honor.  
As it says “Everything is called by My name, and I created it for My honor; I shaped it and I made it.”

1. Everything in creation is a tool to see the greatness of .
2. If we look at the world properly and do not take things for granted, we can be inspired by the glory of .
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