

מִצְוֹת
עֲשֵׂה
#174

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים יז:יא)

עַל פִּי הַתּוֹרָה
אֲשֶׁר יִרְוֹךְ וְגו'

We need to listen to whatever the *Sanhedrin paskens*.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
End of Mesechta Sanhedrin

מִצְוֹת
לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
#312

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים יז:יא)

לֹא תִסּוּר מִן הַדָּבָר
אֲשֶׁר יִגִּידוּ לָךְ

We are not allowed to NOT listen to what the *Chachomim* teach us. We can't disagree with the *Chachomim* who pass down the *Torah Shebaal Peh*, and we can't decide not to follow what they say about keeping the Torah.

If a person who does this is a *chochom*, he could get the punishment of a *Zakein Mamrei*, which is very strict.

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מִצְוֹת
לֹא תַעֲשֶׂה
#313

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Re'eh: (דברים יז:יא)

לֹא תִסֵּף עָלָיו

We can't add anything to the Torah, like saying that we need to put five *parshiyos* into *Tefillin* instead of four.

מצות
לא תעשה
#314

 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Re'eh: (דברים יג:א)

ולא תגרע מִמֶּנּוּ

We can't take anything away from the Torah, like saying that we don't need to put up *Mezuzos* anymore.

Rambam: Hilchos Mamrim

PEREK ALEF

We learn in today's Rambam that even someone who is very smart, and knows so much Torah, still needs to follow what the *Beis Din* says, because Hashem wants only one place to be in charge and lead the Yidden.

We rely on the *Sanhedrin* to understand the *Torah Shebaal Peh*. We need to listen to what they tell us, because it is just as important as keeping the rest of the Torah!

PEREK BEIS

In this *perek*, we learn about making rules so that Yidden will keep the Torah better. A *Beis Din* should only make these kinds of rules if they are sure that most of the Yidden can keep them.

PEREK GIMMEL

We learn about people who don't follow the *Sanhedrin*:

- If a person decides he doesn't believe in the *Torah Shebaal Peh*, he isn't just rebelling against the *Chachomim*, he is going against the whole Torah! He should be killed, even outside of *Beis Din*.

And now the Rambam talks about *shlichus*!

- If a person doesn't believe in the *Torah Shebaal Peh* because that's what his parents taught him, he shouldn't be punished — it's not his fault that he doesn't know better! He's like a little baby who was captured and grew up in a non-Jewish home, and didn't learn the Torah. Instead of punishing him, we should try to teach him Torah in a loving way, so that he will learn the right way to act.

- A *Zaken Mamrei* — a *Talmid Chochom* who *paskens* differently than the *Sanhedrin* — has to be killed, because he is making the Yidden not have *achdus*, he is making them act differently than everyone else!