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לַעֲשׂוֹתוֹ

It is within your close reach to follow
the Torah in speech, feeling and deed.

(DEVARIM 30:14,
AS EXPLAINED IN TANYA)

The Torah Hashem gives us is very special and important, but sometimes we might feel like it's too much. Maybe it's only for old *Talmidei Chachomim*, or maybe we could keep it if we lived in Yerushalayim and had lots of free time?

No, the Torah tells us! The Torah is not too hard for us! Hashem made it in a way that we can all keep it!

Precious Mitzvos

The fifth *posuk* of the *Yud-Beis Pesukim* starts with the words *Ki Karov*.

The Alter Rebbe uses this *posuk* in the *Shaar Blatt* of *Tanya*, telling us that this is what the *Tanya* is all about! It is *Karov* — close to us and doable — to do all of Hashem's *mitzvos* because we love Hashem!

Ki Karov Eilecha Hadavar Me'od — This is very doable and easy for you ***Beficha*** — in your mouth, to say words of Torah and *Tefillah*

Uvilvavcha Laasoso — and to do *mitzvos* with your heart, with *Ahavas Hashem* and *Yiras Hashem*!

We might feel that we are only interested in doing other things, like playing games or eating delicious foods. But by learning what it says in *Tanya*, we will know how special and precious our *mitzvos* are! Then it will be easy for us to do the *mitzvos* — and not just to DO them, but to do them with our whole heart!

Then, even if we enjoy doing other things, or if we don't really like doing the *mitzvos*, we will want to do the *mitzvos* anyway!