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He wrote further in one his many letters to the members of his circle, "Nor is it so with respect to Musar, the contemplation of which, the probing into all man's ways and deeds, is in order to guard himself against the impulses of his will and the inclination that interferes with, and obstructs, everything good and noble — which is necessary and obligatory in order to acquire fear of G-d. Now Musar and good conduct cannot come about without some grand design to harness the working of the mind to this, till it makes a strong impression upon the heart, infuses power and strength into the external organs, and translates the lofty idea into practice, without the degrading physical desires, the despicable envy and vainglory, obstructing one. Yet man is extremely lazy. He would consider it burdensome to turn his attention to this [matter] even for a short while -- to the extent that he considers it a waste of time.

"So what should be done now? The battle is at hand, the evil inclination lies in wait, the instincts are aroused, there are no weapons. Can any instrument perform its function when no one wants to use it? It is hopeless to elude the clutches of death unless we take up the weapons of war — the Fear of G-d and Musar."

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