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The first item in his spiritual program was the study of Musar, in accordance with his method and approach. R. Isaac Blazer related: "Our master, teacher and Rabbi, the great, true gaon himself would study Musar works with great and mighty emotional involvement, and in a moving tone of voice that induced sadness. At times he would repeat a single dictum with deep feeling over and over again. The heart of anyone hearing him would melt and become like water. So, too, when he grew old.

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