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TZAV ET AHARON (6:2). Rashi points out that the word **TZAV** connotes diligence for now and for generations to come.

Rashi's statement is one of redundancy, if the command is one for the present then obviously it would always apply, even in the future. Why does Rashi feel the need to stress the application for the future if no indication to the contrary is present?

Furthermore, Rashi at the end of the Parsha is also very striking. The Torah writes "Aharon and his children did as G-d commanded through Moshe" (8:36). Rashi claims that the verse is praising Aharon that he did not deviate from what G-d commanded him. What is so unique about Aharon's behavior, all of us are expected to follow G-d's word without deviating even an iota? What are these two statements of Rashi teaching us and why do they buffer the Parsha from either end?

Rabbi C. Soloveitchik quotes famous verses of the Sh'ma in the Book of D'varim. "These words which I am commanding you today must remain on your heart." Rashi, quoting the

Sifri, makes note that the Torah should be to you everyday as if it was just revealed to you for the first time. Be wary of boredom and of underestimating the Torah.

We should consider the Torah everyday as if it was imparted to us for the very first time. We should not consider the Torah as archaic or antiquated. This could explain the expression of the word **TZAV**, diligence now and for the future.

The Torah is telling us that the kohanim should perform their work in the Mishkan with the same zeal and fervor as they performed at the outset of their position.

The last Rashi, perhaps, is also teaching us the very same idea. When performing a task commanded to us by the Torah, one must perform it with the same zeal and excitement as was demonstrated the very first time.

Aharon and his sons showed the same fervor on the seventh day as was shown on the first day. This is mentioned to praise them. To G-d, the extent of excitement of our daily actions are very meaningful. As it states in the Book of D'varim:

"Because you have served G-d with joyfulness and with gladness of the heart" (28:47).

Even during our trying times, we must continue with our passion and warmth. 🏠