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## Parashat Shemini

In this week's Parasha, Hashem commands Moshe to take animals for Korbanot without any preparation. Would it not have been proper to prepare the animals first, as by the Korban Tamid and Korban Pesach, which require examination four days prior to their being offered?

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein zatzal answers, perhaps it is to teach us that as soon as we complete one mitzva we must eagerly go on to the next. On the eighth day the Kohanim completed the week-long mitzva of the inauguration ceremony, when they did all that Moshe commanded, and immediately afterwards they were given another mitzva. In order not to interrupt the sequence, Hashem did not command them to first take the animals and to examine them for four days, but rather to sacrifice them immediately after the completion of the seven days. From here we can learn that when one completes a mitzva, he should not be content that he is now finished with that mitzva, but should immediately seek another mitzva to perform.

Shabbat Shalom,  
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