A Moment with Rabbi Avigdor Miller Zt"l

**#344(Who is the**

**Greater Sinner?)**

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| **QUESTION:** |

 Who is a greater sinner, the sinner who **learned** *Torah* or the sinner who didn't? |
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| **ANSWER:** |

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There's no question that the man who learned *Torah* and disobeys is the greater sinner; no question at **all** about it. However, I'm going to repeat to you a conversation between a man who today is the *mashgiach* of *Slabodka Yeshiva* in *Eretz Yisroel*and his *Rebbe*, *Rav Avrohom Grodzenski*, *Zichrono livrocho*.     He once asked his *Rebbe*: "The responsibility of studying *Torah* is so great, it's fearful for a person if he knows how much will be expected of him the more he learns. It's a very big responsibility if you're a *ben Torah*."     So his *Rebbe* said: "A cow has no responsibility; would you choose to be a cow instead of a man?"     Therefore we gladly take the risk; we choose to be men and not cattle. Cattle, if it did wrong things, once it's slaughtered it's finished, it has no responsibility, a man goes into the next world and it's fearful. *Good Shabbos To All* |