שִׁבְעָה דְבָרִים ... בֶחְכָם: אֵינוֹ מְדַבֵּר בִּפְנֵי מִי שֶׁהוּא גְדוֹל מִמֶּנוּ בְחְכְמָה וּבְמִנְיָן, וְאֵינוֹ נִכְנָס לְתוֹךְ דִּבְרֵי חֲבֵרוֹ, וְאֵינוֹ נִבְהָל לְהָשִׁיב, שׁוֹאֵל כָּעִנְיָן וּמֵשִׁיב כַּהֲלָכָה, וְאוֹמֵר עַל רָאשׁוֹן רָאשׁוֹן וְעַל אַחֲרוֹן אַחֲרוֹן, וְעַל מַה שֶׁלֹּא שָׁמַע, אוֹמֵר לֹא שָׁמְעְתִּי, וּמוֹדֶה עַל הָאֶמֶת...

There are seven things ... in a wise man:

A wise man does not speak before one
who is greater than he in wisdom,
And does not break into his fellow's speech;
And is not hasty to answer;
He asks what is relevant,
and he answers to the point;
And he speaks of the first [point] first,
and of the last [point] last;
And concerning that which he has not heard,
he says: I have not heard;
And he acknowledges the truth...









