

# Pirkei Avot Text on *Tikkun Olam*

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## Pirkei Avot, Chapter 2:20-21

Directions: Read the text and answer the question. We will discuss your answers together.

20. Rabbi Tarfon said: The day is short, the task is great, the laborers are lazy, the wage is abundant and the master is urgent.

21. He used to say: It is not incumbent upon you to finish the task. Yet, you are not free to desist from it.

\*Abundant means plenty.

\* Incumbent means an obligation.

\* Desist means to hold back.

What task do you think Rabbi Tarfon is talking about?

