

# **AA12. Not Being Contaminated by the World and Worldly Standards.**

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AA12a: *We are not to be contaminated by the world.*

AA12b: *We are not to be contaminated by worldly standards.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

### Romans 12:2

*In other words, do not let yourselves be conformed to the standards of the 'olam hazeh. Instead, keep letting yourselves be transformed by the renewing of your minds; so that you will know what God wants and will agree that what he wants is good, satisfying and able to succeed.*

### Colossians 2:8

*Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of philosophy and empty deceit, following human tradition which accords with the elemental spirits of the world but does not accord with the Messiah.*

### James 1:27

*The religious observance that God the Father considers pure and faultless is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being contaminated by the world.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

2 Corinthians 1:12

1 Timothy 1:9

1 John 2:15

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

AA26 Not Touching That Which is Unclean

AA39 Fleeing Lustful Passions

WA02 Not Lusting After a Person of the Opposite Sex while Either is Married to Another

GB07 Living in a Way That is Good

GB29 Doing All Things in a Decent and Orderly Way

GB36 Not Engaging in Excesses and Self Indulgence

GB50 Focusing Our Mind on the Things of God

GB60 Not Allowing Passions and Emotions to Lead Us Astray

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

### **Proverbs 14:12**

*There can be a way which seems right to a person, but at its end are the ways of death.*

### **Proverbs 15:21**

*Folly appeals to one who lacks sense, but a person of discernment goes straight ahead.*

### **Proverbs 23:20-21**

*Don't be one of those who guzzle wine or of those who eat meat to excess, for both drunkard and glutton will become poor- drowsiness will clothe them with rags.*

### **Amos 6:13**

*You take pleasure in worthless things. You think your power comes from your own strength.*

### **Haggai 1:6**

*You sow much but bring in little; you eat but aren't satisfied; you drink but never have enough; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who works for a living earns wages that are put in a bag full of holes.*

## **Comment**

When we speak of the world and worldly standards, we mean those things that are contrary to God's standards. We cannot be contaminated by the world and its standards if we do not accede to the temptations they present nor allow them to influence us. Of course, we must recognize when a standard we encounter is not of God, and we do that through our study of the Holy Scriptures.

## **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

A22 Allowing Worldly Attractions to Ensnare Us