

AA30. Being Honest and a Teller of Truth.

We are to be honest and tellers of truth.

AA30a: *We are to be honest.*

AA30b: *We are to be tellers of truth.*

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, stripping off falsehood, let everyone speak truth with his neighbor, because we are intimately related to each other as parts of a body.

Colossians 3:9-10

Never lie to one another; because you have stripped away the old self, with its ways, and have put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in fuller and fuller knowledge, closer and closer to the image of its Creator.

Revelation 21:8

But as for the cowardly, the untrustworthy, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those involved with the occult and with drugs, idol-worshippers, and all liars- their destiny is the lake burning with fire and sulfur, the second death.

Revelation 22:15

Outside are the homosexuals, those involved with the occult and with drugs, the sexually immoral, murderers, idol-worshippers, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:37

Acts 5:3-4

Romans 1:29

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

2 Corinthians 1:18

Ephesians 5:8-9

1 Timothy 1:10-11, 4:6-7

Revelation 2:2, 21:27

Related New Testament Mitzvot

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GB51 Not Putting on a False Front or Having False Motives

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 20:13(16)

"Do not murder. "Do not commit adultery. "Do not steal. "Do not give false evidence against your neighbor."

Leviticus 5:21(6:2)-24(6:5)

If someone sins and acts perversely against ADONAI by dealing falsely with his neighbor in regard to a deposit or security entrusted to him, by stealing from him, by extorting him, or by dealing falsely in regard to a lost object he has found, or by swearing to a lie- if a person commits any of these sins, then, if he sinned and is guilty, he is to restore whatever it was he stole or obtained by extortion, or whatever was deposited with him, or the lost object which he found, or anything about which he has sworn falsely. He is to restore it in full plus an additional one-fifth; he must return it to the person who owns it, on the day when he presents his guilt offering.

Leviticus 19:11-13

Do not steal from, defraud or lie to each other. Do not swear by my name falsely, which would be profaning the name of your God; I am ADONAI. Do not oppress or rob your neighbor; specifically, you are not to keep back the wages of a hired worker all night until morning. Do not speak a curse against a deaf person or place an obstacle in the way of a blind person; rather, fear your God; I am ADONAI.

Leviticus 19:35-36

Don't be dishonest when measuring length, weight or capacity. Rather, use an honest balance-scale, honest weights, an honest bushel dry-measure and an honest gallon liquid-measure; I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 5:17(20)

Do not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not give false evidence against your neighbor.

Deuteronomy 19:14

You are not to move your neighbor's boundary marker from the place where people put it long ago, in the inheritance soon to be yours in the land ADONAI your God is giving you to possess.

Deuteronomy 19:18-19

The judges are to investigate carefully. If they find that the witness is lying and has given false testimony against his brother, you are to do to him what he intended to do to his brother. In this way, you will put an end to such wickedness among you.

Deuteronomy 25:13-16

You are not to have in your pack two sets of weights, one heavy, the other light. You are not to have in your house two sets of measures, one big, the other small. You are to have a correct and fair weight, and you are to have a correct and fair measure, so that you will prolong your days in the land ADONAI your God is giving you. For all who do such things, all who deal dishonestly, are detestable to ADONAI your God.

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things ADONAI hates, seven which he detests: a haughty look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that plots wicked schemes, feet swift in running to do evil, a false witness who lies with every breath, and him who sows strife among brothers.

Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips are an abomination to ADONAI, but those who deal faithfully are his delight.

Proverbs 13:5

A righteous person hates lying, but the wicked is vile and disgraceful.

Proverbs 19:9

A false witness will not go unpunished; whoever breathes out lies will perish.

Proverbs 20:10

False weights and false measures- ADONAI detests them both.

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