

AA33. Not Being a Hypocrite.

We are not to be a hypocrite.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Luke 12:1

Meanwhile, as a crowd in the tens of thousands gathered so closely as to trample each other down, Yeshua began to say to his talmidim first, "Guard yourselves from the hametz of the P'rushim, by which I mean their hypocrisy.

1 Peter 2:1

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, of all deceit, hypocrisy and envy, and of all the ways there are of speaking against people;

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 6:5, 23:13-15, 23, 25, 26-29

Luke 11:46

James 3:17

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Job 8:13

Such are the paths of all who forget God; the hope of a hypocrite will perish-

Psalms 26:4

I have not sat with worthless folks, I won't consort with hypocrites, ..

Proverbs 11:9

With his mouth the hypocrite can ruin his neighbor, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.

Comment

Hypocrisy is advocating a standard or belief to which we ourselves do not adhere, or to which our behaviors do not conform. We sometimes hear that we should not preach to our brother to

do that which we ourselves do not do because it is hypocritical. It is indeed hypocritical, but it is not a correct saying. The correct saying is revealed in Matthew 7:4-5:

“How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when you have the log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First, take the log out of your own eye; then you will see clearly, so that you can remove the splinter from your brother's eye!”

We should not hesitate to bring correction our brother when it is needed; however we should correct ourselves first so that our subsequent correction of our brother will not be hypocritical.

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