

AA37. Not Planning to Do Wrong.

We are not to make plans to do things that are wrong.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 1:29-30

They are filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and vice; stuffed with jealousy, murder, quarrelling, dishonesty and ill-will; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God; they are insolent, arrogant and boastful; they plan evil schemes; they disobey their parents;

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 27:1

Romans 7:7, 13:9

Related New Testament Mitzvot

DA31 Not Coveting that which Belongs to Our Neighbor

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Deuteronomy 5:18(21)

Do not covet your neighbor's wife; do not covet your neighbor's house, his field, his male or female slave, his ox, his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalms 140:3

They plan evil things in their hearts- they continually stir up bitter strife.

Proverbs 3:29

Don't plan harm against your neighbor who lives beside you trustingly.

Proverbs 24:8

He who plans to do evil people call a schemer.

Ecclesiastes 8:11

because the punishment decreed for an evil act is not promptly carried out; therefore people who plan to do evil are strengthened in their intentions.

Micah 2:1

Woe to those who think up evil and plan wickedness as they lie in bed. When morning comes, they do it, since they have it in their power.

Comment

Scripture makes it clear that just as doing wrong is a sin, planning to do wrong is also a sin. Coveting is one step shy of making plans to acquire that which is not ours.

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