

AA43. Not Being Self-Seeking.

We are not to be self-seeking.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 16:24-25

Then Yeshua told his talmidim, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him say 'No' to himself, take up his execution-stake, and keep following me. For whoever wants to save his own life will destroy it, but whoever destroys his life for my sake will find it.

Romans 2:8

But to those who are self-seeking, who disobey the truth and obey evil, he will pay back wrath and anger.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

John 15:13

Romans 10:1-3, 12:1, 10

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Galatians 5:19-20, 24

Ephesians 4:22

Philippians 2:3

Colossians 3:3, 5

2 Timothy 3:2, 4

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Leviticus 19:18

Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against any of your people; rather, love your neighbor as yourself; I am ADONAI.

Leviticus 19:34

Rather, treat the foreigner staying with you like the native-born among you- you are to love him as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt; I am ADONAI your God.

Psalms 44:23(22)

For your sake we are put to death all day long, we are considered sheep to be slaughtered.

Comment

A main message of the Bible is that we are not to be self-seeking, but rather prefer others over ourselves (i.e., die to self), Yeshua being our quintessential example of self-sacrifice.

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