

AA46. Not Doing Wrong in Order to Accomplish Something Good.

We are not to do something wrong in order to accomplish something good.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 3:7-8

"But," you say, "if, through my lie, God's truth is enhanced and brings him greater glory, why am I still judged merely for being a sinner?" Indeed! Why not say (as some people slander us by claiming we do say), "Let us do evil, so that good may come of it"? Against them the judgment is a just one!

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Hebrews 10:26

James 4:17

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 18:19

For I have made myself known to him, so that he will give orders to his children and to his household after him to keep the way of ADONAI and to do what is right and just, so that ADONAI may bring about for Avraham what he has promised him.

Deuteronomy 6:17-18

Observe diligently the mitzvot of ADONAI your God, and his instructions and laws which he has given you. You are to do what is right and good in the sight of ADONAI, so that things will go well with you, and you will enter and possess the good land ADONAI swore to your ancestors, ..

Deuteronomy 12:28

Obey and pay attention to everything I am ordering you to do, so that things will go well with you and with your descendants after you forever, as you do what ADONAI sees as good and right.

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Another way of expressing this *Mitzvah* is “Not calling good that which is bad.” It is the opposite of *Mitzvah* AA17 “Not Calling Wrong & Bad That Which Is Right & Good.” The secular saying “The end justifies the means” is biblically indefensible because doing wrong is always sinful regardless of one’s motive.

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