

AA49. Not Giving Ourselves to Sensuality.

We are not to give ourselves to sensuality.

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

Key New Testament Scripture

Ephesians 4:19-20

They have lost all feeling, so they have abandoned themselves to sensuality, practicing any kind of impurity and always greedy for more. But this is not the lesson you learned from the Messiah!

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:27-30

Romans 1:26-27, 13:14

1 Corinthians 6:18, 10:13

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJ)

Galatians 5:16-24

Colossians 3:2, 5

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

2 Timothy 2:22

Titus 2:12

James 1:14-15

1 Peter 1:14, 2:11, 4:3

2 Peter 1:5-6

1 John 2:16

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BA04 Trusting (Having Faith) in God and Yeshua

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 20:14(17)

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

Proverbs 6:25

Don't let your heart lust after her beauty or allow her glance to captivate you.

Proverbs 16:32

He who controls his temper is better than a war hero, he who rules his spirit better than he who captures a city.)

Ecclesiastes 2:8

I amassed silver and gold, the wealth of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, things that provide sensual delight, and a good many concubines.

Comment

This *Mitzvah* #AA49 is similar to *Mitzvah* #GB60 in that passions and emotions are related to and part of sensuality.

Sensuality is the enjoyment, expression or pursuit of things to do with our senses, i.e. feelings – especially feelings of pleasure, often sexual. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJ) tells us that we “*walk by faith and not by sight.*” The “sight” referred to is not just eyesight; it is anything our bodies see, hear, smell, taste, feel, or otherwise detect and react to from external sources. There is a level to which such perceptions are normal and God-given, such as seeing danger and turning aside or feeling the pain of something hot and avoiding being burned. Those are not the kinds of “sensuality” that we are to avoid and, in fact, not all sensuality is to be avoided. Sexual pleasure is sensual, and when experienced appropriately within marriage is good and healthy. What this *Mitzvah* #AA49 speaks against is “giving ourselves” to sensuality – i.e. allowing sensuality to rule us. The Apostle Paul could very well have said in 2 Corinthians 5:7: “*For we walk by faith, not by sensuality.*”

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