

AA53. Having Godly Integrity.

We are to have godly integrity.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Titus 2:7 (NKJ)

.. in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ..

Additional New Testament Scriptures

None specifically, but notice is taken of the many Scriptures that teach the virtues of honesty, and truth-telling.

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Job 4:6

Isn't your fear of God your assurance, and the integrity of your ways your hope?

Job 27:5

Far be it from me to say you are right; I will keep my integrity till the day I die.

Psalms 25:21

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, because my hope is in you.

Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the duplicity of the treacherous destroys them.

Proverbs 20:7

The righteous live a life of integrity; happy are their children after them.

Comment

Integrity is being honest and having strong moral convictions. The key Scripture selected for this *Mitzvah* #AA53, Titus 2:7, is somewhat problematic in that it is translated differently in the CJB and the NKJ. The CJB translates *ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ* from the Stephanus *Textus Receptus* (Greek New Testament) as “teaching,” and the NKJ translates it “doctrine.” Since both are possibilities, that is not the problem. The problem is that the NKJ exhorts us: “*in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,*” while the CJB reads in part: “*When you are teaching, have integrity,*” thereby limiting “integrity” to just when we are teaching. The question that faced the authors herein was whether to state this *Mitzvah* as “We are to have godly integrity,” or state it as “We are to have godly integrity when teaching.” We chose the former in light of Proverbs 20:7, and because the CJB translation of Titus 2:7 begins with the words “*and in everything ..*”

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