

# **AA58.** Letting Our “Yes” be “Yes” and Our “No” be “No”.

*We are to let our “yes” be “yes” and our “no” be “no.”*

AA58a: *We are to let our “yes” be “yes.”*

AA58b: *We are to let our “no” be “no.”*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 5:37

*Just let your 'Yes' be a simple 'Yes,' and your 'No' a simple 'No'; anything more than this has its origin in evil.)*

James 5:12

*Above all, brothers, stop swearing oaths- not "By heaven," not "By the earth," and not by any other formula; rather, let your "Yes" be simply "Yes" and your "No" simply "No," so that you won't fall under condemnation.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 6:24

1 Corinthians 4:1-2, 17

1 Timothy 1:12, 2:7

James 1:7-8, 4:8

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

AA32 Being Faithful, Trustworthy and Loyal

AA55 Not Being Double-Minded

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Psalms 119:113

*I hate double-minded people, but I love your Torah.*

## **Comment**

The essence of this *Mitzvah* #58 is that people should be able to trust and depend upon what we promise and be assured that we will not reverse ourselves unless circumstances require it, or we discover that we have been wrong. It is similar to *Mitzvah* #55: “Not Being Double-Minded,” and is necessary for the fulfillment of *Mitzvah* #32: “Being Faithful, Trustworthy and Loyal.

## **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

A04 Keeping Vows Made to God

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