

# **AA61. Hating Ungodly Vices.**

*We are to hate ungodly vices.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Romans 1:29

*They are filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and vice; stuffed with jealousy, murder, quarrelling, dishonesty and ill-will; they are gossips,*

Jude 1:22-23

*Rebuke some who are disputing; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and to yet others, show mercy, but with fear, hating even the clothes stained by their vices.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Romans 13:13

1 Corinthians 6:18

Ephesians 5:18

Galatians 5:19-21

1 Timothy 3:2-3, 8

1 Peter 4:3

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

WA01 Abstaining from Fornication and Other Acts of Sexual Immorality

GB10 Not Drinking Excessively, Being Intoxicated, or Being a User of Drugs

GB36 Not Engaging in Excesses and Self Indulgence

GB72 Not Participating in Wild Parties and Orgies

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Deuteronomy 23:18(17) (Maimonides RN355; Meir MN133; Chinuch C570)

*No woman of Isra'el is to engage in ritual prostitution, and no man of Isra'el is to engage in ritual homosexual prostitution.*

Proverbs 31:4-5

*It is not for kings, L'mu'el, not for kings to drink wine; it is not for rulers to ask, "Where can I find strong liquor?" For they may drink, then forget what has been decreed, and pervert the justice due to the poor.*

### Ezekiel 16:25-26

*You built your high places at every streetcorner, turning your beauty into an abomination, spreading your legs for every passer-by, and multiplying your acts of fornication. You had sex with your big-membered Egyptian neighbors and engaged in fornication over and over, just to provoke me.*

### **Comment**

There are two categories of human behavior that are commonly called vices. We may call the first of these “character vices;” they include arrogance, jealousy, unbridled anger, greed, etc. The second of these are “vices of commission” – chronic immoral, antisocial, or destructive acts that are looked down on or prohibited by Scripture or segments of society. They include habitual intoxication, drug addiction, prostitution, fornication, gluttony, unbridled spending, etc. All are sinful, but they are different from other sins in that they are not one-time or occasional occurrences; rather they are behaviors that are recurring.

While all sins are to be hated, this *Mitzvah* #AA61 only addresses ungodly “vices of commission.” Ungodly “character vices” are dealt with in other *Mitzvot*.

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

A11 Wine and Drunkenness

S04 Fornicating: Engaging in Sexual Intimacy Outside of Marriage