

DA3. Not Harming Our Neighbor.

We are not to harm our neighbor.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 12:17

Repay no one evil for evil, but try to do what everyone regards as good.

Romans 13:10

Love does not do harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fullness of *Torah*.

1 Thessalonians 4:6

No one should wrong his brother in this matter or take advantage of him, because the Lord punishes all who do such things- as we have explained to you before at length.

2 Peter 2:15

These people have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Bil'am Ben-B'or, who loved the wages of doing harm ..

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 7:12

Mark 12:31

Luke 10:27

Romans 12:19

1 Corinthians 10:32

Galatians 5:14

1 Thessalonians 5:15

1 Timothy 1:13

James 2:8

1 Peter 3:9

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DA80 Being Good to One Another

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 20:13(16)-14(17)

"Do not murder. "Do not commit adultery. "Do not steal. "Do not give false evidence against your neighbor. "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."

Leviticus 19:15-18

Do not be unjust in judging- show neither partiality to the poor nor deference to the mighty, but with justice judge your neighbor. Do not go around spreading slander among your people, but also don't stand idly by when your neighbor's life is at stake; I am ADONAI. Do not hate your brother in your heart, but rebuke your neighbor frankly, so that you won't carry sin because of him. Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against any of your people; rather, love your neighbor as yourself; I am ADONAI.

Proverbs 3:29

Don't plan harm against your neighbor who lives beside you trustingly.

Proverbs 25:18

Like a club, a sword or a sharp arrow is a person who gives false testimony against a neighbor.

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This *Mitzvah* #DA3 to not harm our neighbor goes hand-in-hand with (but is expressed in an opposite way than) *Mitzvah* #DA80 "Being Good to One Another." Failing to be good to our neighbor when we have the opportunity to do him good is harming him indirectly. Of course, there are direct ways of harming as well; there are physical ways such as committing theft and murder, and more subtle ways such as gossiping, testifying against him falsely – too many to list, but just as damaging as the physical ways.

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