

DA5. Serving One Another.

We are to serve one another.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 20:26-27

Among you, it must not be like that. On the contrary, whoever among you wants to be a leader must become your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave!

Matthew 23:11

The greatest among you must be your servant,..

Mark 9:35

He sat down, summoned the Twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."

Mark 10:43-44

But among you, it must not be like that! On the contrary, whoever among you wants to be a leader must be your servant; and whoever wants to be first among you must become everyone's slave!

John 21:15-17

After breakfast, Yeshua said to Shim'on Kefa, "Shim'on Bar-Yochanan, do you love me more than these?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I'm your friend." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Shim'on Bar-Yochanan, do you love me?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I'm your friend." He said to him, "Shepherd my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Shim'on Bar-Yochanan, are you my friend?" Shim'on was hurt that he questioned him a third time: "Are you my friend?" So he replied, "Lord, you know everything! You know I'm your friend!" Yeshua said to him, "Feed my sheep!"

Galatians 5:13-14

For, brothers, you were called to be free. Only do not let that freedom become an excuse for allowing your old nature to have its way. Instead, serve one another in love. For the whole of the Torah is summed up in this one sentence: "Love your neighbor as yourself";

Colossians 3:23

Whatever work you do, put yourself into it, as those who are serving not merely other people, but the Lord.

1 Peter 4:10-11

As each one has received some spiritual gift, he should use it to serve others, like good managers of God's many-sided grace- if someone speaks, let him speak God's words; if someone serves, let

him do so out of strength that God supplies; so that in everything God may be glorified through Yeshua the Messiah- to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Mark 10:43-44

Luke 9:62, 17:7-10

John 13:13-14

Acts 26:16

Romans 12:6-7

1 Corinthians 4:1, 12:5, 15:16

Ephesians 6:6

1 Timothy 3:13, 6:2

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Leviticus 19:18

Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against any of your people; rather, love your neighbor as yourself; I am ADONAI.

Proverbs 31:8-9

Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves, for the rights of all who need an advocate. Speak up, judge righteously, defend the cause of the poor and the needy.

Ecclesiastes 5:8(9)

But the greatest advantage to the country is when the king makes himself a servant to the land

Isaiah 1:17

learn to do good! Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, defend orphans, plead for the widow

Comment

The subject of peer servanthood is given a high priority of importance in the New Testament but is only addressed by implication and example in the *Tanakh*. It is strongly implied in Leviticus 19:18: “*love your neighbor as yourself*,” and there are many references in the *Tanakh* to our responsibility to provide for our fellow man who is poor, needy, and disabled. Servanthood is referred to throughout the *Tanakh* in regard to priestly service and serving God, but as to serving our fellow man it is typically “servitude” – the kind of servanthood that is subordinate to a master. Slavery is spoken of in both Testaments as well, as is also indentured servanthood, a kind of “slavery for a season.” By contrast, *Mitzvot* urging servanthood are so important in the New Testament, that Yeshua and God Himself are portrayed as being servants to mankind.

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