

DA6. Showing Respect for One Another.

We are to show respect for one another.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 12:10

Love each other devotedly and with brotherly love; and set examples for each other in showing respect.

1 Peter 2:17

Be respectful to all- keep loving the brotherhood, fearing God and honoring the emperor.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Acts 2:46-47

Romans 13:7

2 Corinthians 7:14-15

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 5:12

1 Timothy 3:4, 5:3, 6:1-2

James 2:3-4

1 Peter 2:18, 3:1-2, 7

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 43:28

They answered, "Your servant our father is well; yes, he is still alive," as they bowed in respect.

Leviticus 19:32

'Stand up in the presence of a person with gray hair, show respect for the old; you are to fear your God; I am ADONAI.

Comment

Respecting a person means treating him as having value; our primary value is that we are all children of God. The Scriptures supporting this *Mitzvah* #DA6 instruct us to show respect to all, and that is especially challenging when dealing with enemies and with persons who are of evil intent. Respecting a person's humanity does not, however, necessarily mean respecting what he says, what he does, or what he stands for. Nor does it mean that we wish him well in his bad deeds, nor do we fail to bring him to justice if it is needed.

There is a humorous story told about a Quaker who awakened one night to find a burglar in his house. Out of respect and compassion for the burglar as a human being and not wanting to cause him injury, the Quaker said to the burglar: "*Friend, I would not hurt thee for the world, but you are standing in the spot where I intend to shoot!*" 😊

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