

DA12. Being Good & Kind to One Another.

We are to be good and kind to one another.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 15:1-2

So we who are strong have a duty to bear the weaknesses of those who are not strong, rather than please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor and act for his good, thus building him up.

Galatians 6:9-10

So let us not grow weary of doing what is good; for if we don't give up, we will in due time reap the harvest. Therefore, as the opportunity arises, let us do what is good to everyone, and especially to the family of those who are trustingly faithful.

Ephesians 4:32

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted; and forgive each other, just as in the Messiah God has also forgiven you.

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing out of rivalry or vanity; but, in humility, regard each other as better than yourselves—look out for each other's interests and not just for your own.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

See that no one repays evil for evil; on the contrary, always try to do good to each other, indeed, to everyone.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 7:12

Luke 6:31

John 7:23

Acts 20:35

Romans 12:13

1 Corinthians 4:12

Galatians 5:22-23, 6:10

Ephesians 5:8-9

1 Thessalonians 2:7, 5:11

Hebrews 6:10, 13:16

James 2:14-18

1 John 3:17-18

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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. (Lev 19:18 CJB)

Leviticus 25:35

If a member of your people has become poor, so that he can't support himself among you, you are to assist him as you would a foreigner or a temporary resident, so that he can continue living with you

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Sh'ma, Yisra'el! ADONAI Eloheinu, ADONAI echad [Hear, Isra'el! ADONAI our God, ADONAI is one]; and you are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources. These words, which I am ordering you today, are to be on your heart; and you are to teach them carefully to your children. You are to talk about them when you sit at home, when you are traveling on the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 15:11

for there will always be poor people in the land. That is why I am giving you this order, 'You must open your hand to your poor and needy brother in your land.'

Job 6:14

A friend should be kind to an unhappy man, even to one who abandons Shaddai.

Proverbs 3:27

Don't withhold good from someone entitled to it when you have in hand the power to do it.

Proverbs 11:17

A man who is kind does himself good, but the cruel does harm to himself.

Proverbs 11:25-26

The person who blesses others will prosper; he who satisfies others will be satisfied himself. The people will curse him who withholds grain; but if he sells it, blessings will be on his head.

Proverbs 14:31

The oppressor of the poor insults his maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors him.

Proverbs 15:26

ADONAI detests plans to do evil, but kind words are pure.

Proverbs 19:17

He who is kind to the poor is lending to ADONAI; and he will repay him for his good deed.

Isaiah 1:17

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

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, proclaiming shalom, bringing good news of good things, announcing salvation and saying to Tziyon, "Your God is King!"

Isaiah 58:10

.. generously offer food to the hungry and meet the needs of the person in trouble; then your light will rise in the darkness, and your gloom become like noon.

Zechariah 7:10

Don't oppress widows, orphans, foreigners or poor people. Don't plot evil against each other.

Comment

Being good to one another is similar to being kind to one another. Being good and kind, and being nice, are not always the same. Is it being good and kind to give our neighbor money to support his alcoholic addiction? Our neighbor may think so, but by God's standards it is not! Other decisions as to what is good or kind, and what is not, may not be this obvious, so we need to seek and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us.

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