

# **DA17. Staying Away from a Brother Whose Life is Not in Accord with the Teachings and Traditions of the *Shl'chim*.**

*We are to stay away from a brother whose life is not in accord with the teachings and traditions of the Shl'chim.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Romans 16:17

*I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put snares alongside the teaching in which you have been trained- keep away from them.*

2 Thessalonians 3:6

*Now, in the name of the Lord Yeshua the Messiah we command you, brothers, to stay away from any brother who is leading a life of idleness, a life not in keeping with the tradition you received from us.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

1 Corinthians 5:9-13, 15:33

2 Timothy 3:14-15

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

DA13 Not Associating with Persons Who Would Deceive Us or Lead Us Astray

DA19 Not Associating with a Sexually Immoral Brother

DA67 Not Having Fellowship with Ungodly People

DA74 Not Associating with a Brother who is committing immoral sin

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Psalms 1:1

*How blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, don't stand on the way of sinners or sit where scoffers sit!*

Psalms 26:4-5

*I have not sat with worthless folks, I won't consort with hypocrites, I hate the company of evildoers, I will not sit with the wicked.*

Proverbs 13:20

*He who walks with the wise will become wise, but the companion of fools will suffer.*

Proverbs 24:1

*Don't be envious of evil people, and don't desire to be with them.*

**Comment**

This *Mitzvah* #DA17 commands us to stay away from a brother believer whose life is not in accord with the teachings and traditions of the *Shl'chim*, which means with Scripture. Implied in this is that the brother is unrepentant; it is not instructing us to stay away from a brother who sins and then repents. The purpose of this *Mitzvah* is twofold: (1) to shame the sinning brother into reconsidering his sin and repenting, and (2) to avoid our being influenced by our sinning brother and falling into sin ourselves. We should take note that this *Mitzvah* is not instructing us to stay away from sinning unbelievers. We are not to have close fellowship with them, but we are permitted to be in their company, and they in ours, so we can prevail upon them to repent and receive the Lord.

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