

DA27. Not Intimidating Our Neighbor Unnecessarily.

We are not to intimidate our neighbor unnecessarily.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Luke 3:14

Some soldiers asked him, "What about us? What should we do?" To them he said, "Don't intimidate anyone, don't accuse people falsely, and be satisfied with your pay.")

2 Timothy 1:7

For God gave us a Spirit who produces not timidity, but power, love and self-discipline.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

2 Corinthians 10:1-2

Philippians 1:27-28, 4:6

1 John 4:18

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Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong, be bold, don't be afraid or frightened of them, for ADONAI your God is going with you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

Nehemiah 6:13

He had been hired to frighten me into following his suggestion and thus sin, so that they would have material for their unfavorable report about me and could taunt me with it.

Psalms 27:1

By David: ADONAI is my light and salvation; whom do I need to fear? ADONAI is the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid?

Proverbs 28:1

The wicked flee when no one pursues them; but the righteous, like lions, feel sure of themselves.

Comment

Intimidation is the act of doing or saying something (e.g. through threats) that causes someone to become weak with fear. We glean from Luke 3:14, where Yeshua instructed soldiers to not intimidate anyone, that intimidation of innocent and defenseless persons is wrong. “Innocent and defenseless” is not stated in the Scripture, but it is assumed since the principal duty of a soldier is to fight against an enemy and hopefully make him afraid so he will surrender. In 2 Corinthians 10:1-2, Paul is reluctant to intimidate those to whom he is about to bring correction, and 2 Timothy 1:7 tells us that God has not given us a spirit of fear. It is therefore fair to conclude that we are instructed to not intimidate our neighbor unnecessarily

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