

# **DA38. Not Engaging in Rivalry.**

*We are not to engage in rivalry.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scripture**

Philippians 2:3

*Do nothing out of rivalry or vanity; but, in humility, regard each other as better than yourselves-*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Mark 9:24

2 Corinthians 12:20

Galatians 5:19-20

Philippians 1:15

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

DA04 Being Hospitable & Welcoming to Our Brother and Neighbor

DA10 Living in Peace with Our Neighbors

DA12 Being Good & Kind to One Another

DA20 Not Being Envious, Jealous, or Covetous of Our Neighbor

DA24 Loving Our Brother and Neighbor

DA39 Not Being Vengeful

DA49 Not Harboring Malice or Being Spiteful to Our Neighbor

DA51 Not Being Mean to One Another

JA07 Loving Our Enemies

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Genesis 25:22-23

*The children fought with each other inside her so much that she said, "If it's going to be like this, why go on living?" So she went to inquire of ADONAI, who answered her, "There are two nations in your womb. From birth they will be two rival peoples. One of these peoples will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."*

Leviticus 18:18

*You are not to take a woman to be a rival with her sister and have sexual relations with her while her sister is still alive.*

1 Samuel 1:6

*Her rival taunted her and made her feel bad, because ADONAI had kept her from having children.*

## **Comment**

Rivalry is often confused with competitiveness, and it is sometimes truly difficult to distinguish between them. In situations of competition (e.g. in sports), someone wins and others lose but, ideally, the competitors' desires are purely to win and they do not harbor bad feelings toward each other. Rivalry is a form of competition, but where the rivaling parties desire not only to win, but to best their opponent and put their opponent down. Because the attitude of rivalry is incompatible with loving our neighbor, competition is allowed to believers, but rivalry is not.

## **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

N01 Loving Our Neighbor, the Stranger, and Even Our Enemy

N11 Being Hospitable

N16 Nursing Anger Toward Our Neighbor

N18 Being Compassionate & Merciful Toward Our Neighbor