

DA42. Not Engaging in Fruitless or Stupid Controversies or Discussions.

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DA42b: *We are not to engage in stupid controversies or discussions.*

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 1:6

Some, by aiming amiss, have wandered off into fruitless discussion.

2 Timothy 2:14

Keep reminding people of this, and charge them solemnly before the Lord not to engage in word-battles. They accomplish nothing useful and are a catastrophe for the hearers!

2 Timothy 2:23

But stay away from stupid and ignorant controversies- you know that they lead to fights,

Titus 3:9

But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, quarrels and fights about the Torah; because they are worthless and futile.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Galatians 5:15

Philippians 2:14

1 Timothy 6:3-5

2 Timothy 2:16

James 4:1-2

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Proverbs 21:23

Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

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God wants us to be productive. Engaging in fruitless or stupid arguments is not!

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