

DA43. Not Calling Any Person Common or Unclean.

We are not to call any person common or unclean.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Acts 10:28

He said to them, "You are well aware that for a man who is a Jew to have close association with someone who belongs to another people, or to come and visit him, is something that just isn't done. But God has shown me not to call any person common or unclean;"

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:22, 7:1-2

Luke 6:37

Ephesians 4:29

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Leviticus 19:15

Do not be unjust in judging- show neither partiality to the poor nor deference to the mighty, but with justice judge your neighbor.

Psalms 50:6

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge. (Selah)

Comment

Calling a person common or unclean is judging a person's character and is different from calling attention to a person's sin. According to Galatians 6:1 we are to correct our brother with a spirit of humility and, except as part of a *beit din* conducted within the body of believers, we are to judge no one (Romans 14:13; 1 Corinthians 5:12-6:7).

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