

DA48. Not Harboring Bitterness, Malice, Meanness or Spitefulness Against Our Neighbor.

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DA48c: *We are not to harbor meanness against our neighbor.*

DA48d: *We are not to harbor spitefulness against our neighbor.*

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Ephesians 4:31

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, violent assertiveness and slander, along with all spitefulness.

Colossians 3:8

.. but now, put them all away- anger, exasperation, meanness, slander and obscene talk.

1 Peter 2:1

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, of all deceit, hypocrisy and envy, and of all the ways there are of speaking against people;

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Mark 7:21-22

Romans 3:14

Hebrews 12:15

James 3:14

3 John 1:10

Related New Testament Mitzvot

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DA31 Not Hating Our Brother

DA39 Not Being Vengeful

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Job 21:25

Another dies with embittered heart, never having tasted happiness.

Psalms 55:11(10)

Day and night they go about its walls; within are malice and mischief.

Psalms 73:8

They scoff and speak with malice, they loftily utter threats.

Proverbs 14:10

The heart knows its own bitterness, and no stranger can share its joy.

Isaiah 32:5-7

The mean person will no longer be called generous, or the miserly said to be noble; for the mean person will speak meanness, his heart planning evil, so that he can act godlessly, spreading error concerning ADONAI, as he lets the hungry go on starving and deprives the thirsty of drink. The mean person's means are mean- he devises wicked devices to ruin the poor and needy with lies, even when their cause is just.

Ezekiel 25:15

Adonai ELOHIM says, 'Because the P'lishtim have acted out of vengeance, taking revenge and destroying with malice of heart, due to their long-standing hatred;

Comment

This *Mitzvah* #DA48 is self-evident because harboring bitterness, malice, meanness or spitefulness against our neighbor is inconsistent with the *Mitzvah* to love our neighbor (DA24), and makes it impossible to forgive those who sin against us (DA36).

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