

DA54. Not Flattering One Another.

We are not to flatter one another.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 2:5

For, as you know, never did we employ flattering talk, nor did we put on a false front to mask greed- God is witness.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Jude 1:16

Related New Testament Mitzvot

AA22 Speaking Only That Which is Holy and Beneficial

GB51 Not Putting on a False Front or Having False Motives

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Job 32:21-22

I will show no favor to anyone, and I will flatter no one; I don't know how to flatter; if I did, my maker would soon put an end to me.

Psalms 5:10(9)

For in their mouths there is nothing sincere, within them are calamities, their throats are open tombs, they flatter with their tongues.

Psalms 12:3(2)-4(3)

They all tell lies to each other, flattering with their lips, but speaking from divided hearts. May ADONAI cut off all flattering lips and the tongue that speaks so proudly,

Proverbs 26:28

A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth causes ruin.

Proverbs 28:23

He who rebukes another person in the end gets more thanks than the flatterer.

Proverbs 29:5

A person who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his own steps.

Isaiah 30:10

They say to the seers, "Do not see!" to those who have visions, "Do not tell us the visions you have as they really are; but flatter us, fabricate illusions!"

Ezekiel 33:31

So then they come to you, as people do, sit in front of you as my people, and hear your words; but they don't act on them. For with their mouths they flatter you, but their hearts are set on their own self-interest;

Comment

Flattery is giving insincere praise or an insincere complement to another. What is said may be true or not and worthy of praise or not but, in flattery, the apparent motive for saying it is insincere and is often for the purpose of gaining the person's favor.

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H04 Using Our Speech, Thoughts, Hearts and Actions for that which Is Good and Holy