

DA57. Living Quietly So as to Gain Our Neighbor's Respect.

We are to live quietly so as to gain our neighbor's respect.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Also, make it your ambition to live quietly, to mind your own business and to earn your living by your own efforts- just as we told you. Then your daily life will gain the respect of outsiders, and you will not be dependent on anyone.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Acts 2:46-47

James 1:19

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 14:14

ADONAI will do battle for you. Just calm yourselves down!

Psalms 4:5(4)

You can be angry, but do not sin! Think about this as you lie in bed, and calm down.

Psalms 46:11(10)

Desist [be still], and learn that I am God, supreme over the nations, supreme over the earth.

Proverbs 10:8

Wise-hearted people take orders, but a babbling fool will have trouble.

Proverbs 11:12

He who belittles another lacks good sense, whereas a person of discernment stays silent.

Proverbs 17:28

Even a fool, if he stays silent, is thought wise; he who keeps his mouth shut can pass for smart.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool gives vent to all his feelings, but the wise, thinking of afterwards, stills them.

Comment

Scripture is replete with admonitions that a believer live a quiet life. Gaining our neighbor's respect may be a de minimis reason for doing so, but it is nevertheless an important witness to our neighbor that we trust God in and for all things.

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