

DA58. Living So As Not to Be Financially Dependent on Others.

We are to live so as not to be financially dependent on others.

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.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: if someone won't work, he shouldn't eat!

Additional New Testament Scriptures

2 Thessalonians 3:6

Related New Testament Mitzvot

GB03 Working at Honorable Work and Not Being Idle or Lazy

GB21 Working to Earn Our Living (Not Being Idle)

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Proverbs 3:11 (NKJ)

He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread, But he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding.

Proverbs 18:9

Whoever is lazy in doing his work is brother to the destroyer.

Comment

To the extent that we can avoid it, we are not to be financially dependent on others. We are to work diligently to earn our living and ideally even have enough to assist a brother who may fall on hard times. If, due to no fault of our own, it is we who fall on hard times we should not hesitate to accept help if it is offered.

The principle of this *Mitzvah* does not condone our putting our hope in wealth, for 1 Timothy 6:17 tells us:

“As for those who do have riches in this present world, charge them not to be proud and not to let their hopes rest on the uncertainties of riches but to rest their hopes on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Charge them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, to be generous and ready to share. In this way they will treasure up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that they may lay hold of the real life.”

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