

DA67. Not Having Fellowship with Ungodly People.

We are not to have fellowship with ungodly people.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not yoke yourselves together in a team with unbelievers. For how can righteousness and lawlessness be partners? What fellowship does light have with darkness?

Additional New Testament Scriptures

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

Related New Testament Mitzvot

DA19 Not Associating with a Sexually Immoral Brother

DA34 Not Associating with a Divisive Brother

GB01 Not Yoking Ourselves with Unbelievers or Heretics

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 34:12

Be careful not to make a covenant with the people living in the land where you are going, so that they won't become a snare within your own borders.

Proverbs 1:10

My son, if sinners entice you, don't go along with them.)

Proverbs 22:24

Don't associate with an angry man; make no hot-tempered man your companion

Proverbs 24:1

Don't be envious of evil people, and don't desire to be with them.

Comment

Having fellowship is one way of relating to a person, but it is not the only way. Not fellowshiping with ungodly people (per this *Mitzvah*) means not participating with them in the ungodly aspects of their lives and their sinful pleasures. It does not mean that we are to have no contact with them for, as we read in 1 Corinthians 5:10: “*then you would have to leave the world altogether!*” Not only that, but if we have no contact, we will also have no opportunity to preach the Word of God to them which is also a *Mitzvah*. Marriage is of course the most intimate

fellowship that one can have, so this *Mitzvah* has implications as to who a believer can or cannot marry. The subject of unequal yoking in marriage is dealt with in *Mitzvah* # GB01.

Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2

None