

# **DA7. Being Sensitive to Each Other's Needs.**

*We are to be sensitive to each other's needs..*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Romans 12:16

*Be sensitive to each other's needs- don't think yourselves better than others, but make humble people your friends. Don't be conceited.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 7:12

1 Peter 3:8, 4:8

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

DA03 Not Harming Our Neighbor

DA05 Serving One Another

DA06 Showing Respect for One Another

DA12 Being Kind to One Another

DA14 Submitting to One Another

DA16 Encouraging and Supporting One Another

DA24 Loving Our Brother and Neighbor

DA29 Being Merciful and Not Cruel, Brutal, Heartless, or Ruthless

DA46 Comforting Our Neighbor

DA51 Not Being Mean to One Another

DA76 Being Good to One Another

DA78 Remembering Mistreated Persons & Prisoners

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Isaiah 61:1

*The Spirit of Adonai ELOHIM is upon me, because ADONAI has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom to the captives, to let out into light those bound in the dark;*

## **Comment**

This *Mitzvah* #DA7 and Mitzvot #BB1-11 are related in their all having to do with providing for and helping with each other's needs. Complying with *Mitzvah* DA7 comes before the others, however, because one must recognize another's need before one can even consider helping with it. There are, however, certain needs that do not need much or any sensitivity because we are

commanded to be proactive in providing for them. One such example is *Mitzvah* #BB7: “Supporting Our Family Financially.” One does not need much sensitivity to observe that our family is unfed, unclothed, or unsheltered. On the other hand, a similar need of our brother or neighbor may not be that obvious, and one has to be sensitive to pick up on telltale signs of it.

Finally, being sensitive to another’s needs is inextricably related to *Mitzvah* #AA10: “Having Godly Compassion” because our sensitivity does no good if our compassion (derived from our faith) does not motivate us to help. This is exemplified in James 2:15-16:

*“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food, and someone says to him, “Shalom! Keep warm and eat hearty!” without giving him what he needs, what good does it do?”*

### **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

- B01 Lending Money without Interest to Our Poor Brother
- B02 Returning a Needed Pledged Item
- B04 Financial Help to Persons in Need
- B05 Setting Aside Part of Our Increase for the Poor
- B06 Gleanings and Part of Life-Sustaining Commodities Left for the Poor & Disadvantaged
- F04 Withholding Food, Clothing, or Marital Rights from Our Wife
- N03 Helping Our Neighbor Who is in Need
- N09 Helping a Person Who Needs Rescue
- N14 Serving Our Neighbor
- N18 Being Compassionate & Merciful Toward Our Neighbor