

# **EA1. Not Boasting or Thinking of Ourselves as Great or Unduly Important.**

*We are not to boast or think of ourselves as great or unduly important.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

### Matthew 23:9-12

*And do not call anyone on earth 'Father.' because you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to let yourselves be called 'leaders,' because you have one Leader, and he is the Messiah! The greatest among you must be your servant, for whoever promotes himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be promoted.*

### Romans 12:1

*For I am telling every single one of you, through the grace that has been given to me, not to have exaggerated ideas about your own importance. Instead, develop a sober estimate of yourself based on the standard which God has given to each of you, namely, trust.*

### 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.*

### Galatians 6:3-4

*For if anyone thinks he is something when he is really nothing, he is fooling himself. So let each of you scrutinize his own actions. Then if you do find something to boast about, at least the boasting will be based on what you have actually done and not merely on a judgment that you are better than someone else;*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 6:1-2

Luke 11:43, 14:8-11, 20:46-47

Romans 1:30, 3:27

1 Corinthians 1:28-31-2:1, 4:7, 5:6, 13:1-5

Ephesians 2:8-9

Colossians 3:12

2 Timothy 3:1-2

James 4 13-17

Jude 1:16

2 Peter 2:18-19

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

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BA25 Putting God and Yeshua Before All Things and All Persons

BA33 Glorifying God and Yeshua

BA55 Humbling Ourselves Before God

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

### Psalms 10:2-4

*The wicked in their arrogance hunt down the poor, who get caught in the schemes they think up. For the wicked boasts about his lusts; he blesses greed and despises ADONAI. Every scheme of the wicked in his arrogance [says], "There is no God, [so] it won't be held against me."*

### Psalms 52:3(1)

*Why do you boast of your evil, you tyrant, when God's mercy is present every day?*

### Psalms 75:5(4)

*To the boastful I say, "Do not boast!" and to the wicked, "Don't flaunt your strength!"*

### Psalms 94:3-4

*How long are the wicked, ADONAI, how long are the wicked to triumph? They pour out insolent words, they go on bragging, all these evildoers.*

### Proverbs 11:2

*First comes pride, then disgrace; but with the humble is wisdom.*

### Proverbs 27:1-2

*Don't boast about tomorrow, for you don't know what the day may bring. Let someone else praise you, not your own mouth, a stranger and not your own lips.*

### Jeremiah 9:23(24)

*.. instead, let the boaster boast about this: that he understands and knows me- that I am ADONAI, practicing grace, justice and righteousness in the land; for in these things I take pleasure," says ADONAI.*

## **Comment**

This *Mitzvah* #EA1 commands us to not boast, or brag, or think of ourselves as great or more important than we ought. It is closely related to the sin of pride, and is offensive to God because it attributes to ourselves gifts that He gave us and for which we do not recognize Him or give Him the glory. 1 Corinthians 4:7 says of it:

*"After all, what makes you so special? What do you have that you didn't receive as a gift? And if in fact it was a gift, why do you boast as if it weren't?"*

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