

EA5. Not Thinking of Ourselves as Better than Others.

We are not to think of ourselves as better than others.

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.

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing out of rivalry or vanity; but, in humility, regard each other as better than yourselves-

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 23:11-12

Luke 11:43, 17:7-10, 20:46-47

Acts 10:34

Galatians 6:3-4

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth."

Proverbs 11:2

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

Proverbs 16:5

ADONAI detests all those with proud hearts; be assured that they will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, and arrogance before failure.

Comment

Since each of us is gifted individually, it is a reality that some of us are better than others in some things. But that is not what this *Mitzvah* #EA5 means by saying that “we are “not to think of ourselves as better than others.” “Better than others” in Romans 12:16 refers to our not being worth more - i.e., not having greater value than others. We know this because Genesis 1:26 tells us that we are all made in God’s image and likeness, and Galatians 3:28 states:

“..there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor freeman, neither male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one. Also, if you belong to the Messiah, you are seed of Avraham and heirs according to the promise.”

And Acts 10:34 states:

“Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.’”
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