

LA5. Not Attempting to Serve Two Masters.

We are not to attempt to serve two masters.

LA5a: *We are not to attempt to serve both God and money.*

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 6:24

No one can be slave to two masters; for he will either hate the first and love the second, or scorn the second and be loyal to the first. You can't be a slave to both God and money.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 6:19-21

Luke 12:20-21, 16:13

1 Timothy 6:9-10

Hebrews 13:5

1 John 2:15

Related New Testament Mitzvot

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 20:3-5

You are to have no other gods before me. You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline. You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, ADONAI your God, am a jealous God,

Exodus 34:12-14

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. Rather, you are to demolish their altars, smash their standing-stones and cut down their sacred poles; because you are not to bow down to any other god; since ADONAI- whose very name is Jealous- is a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 6:14

You are not to follow other gods, chosen from the gods of the peoples around you;

Joshua 24:14

Therefore fear ADONAI, and serve him truly and sincerely. Put away the gods your ancestors served beyond the [Euphrates]River and in Egypt, and serve ADONAI! (Jos 24:14 CJB)

Comment

This *Mitzvah* is one of several in this compilation that refer to slaves (“bondservants” in the NKJV) of the kind that we no longer have in the “civilized” world of today. It is nevertheless included here for completeness, adaptation to ordinary servanthood, and metaphorically for our obligation to serve God.

As for this *Mitzvah* #LA5 that “we are not to serve two masters,” Matthew 6:24 explains it first in human terms, and then elevates it to mean that we cannot succeed in making God our master if we devote our lives to making money.

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