

# **AA62. Not Being Cowardly.**

*We are not to be cowardly.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

1 Thessalonians 2:2

*On the contrary, although we had already suffered and been outraged in Philippi, as you know, we had the courage, united with our God, to tell you the Good News even under great pressure.*

Revelation 21:8

*But as for the cowardly, the untrustworthy, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those involved with the occult and with drugs, idol-worshippers, and all liars- their destiny is the lake burning with fire and sulfur, the second death."*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

2 Corinthians 4:1, 16

Hebrews 10:35

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

HA02 Not Fearing War, Revolutions, and Upheavals in the End Times

JA03 Not Fearing Those Who Would Oppose, Persecute or Harm Us

MA02 Not Being Fearful of Man

QA06 Having Courage to Proclaim the Good News

AB09 Being Bold in the Holy Spirit

CB28 Wives Not Succumbing to Fear

GB42 Not Losing Courage

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NKJ)

*Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.*

Joshua 1:7 (NKJ)

*Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9 (NKJ)

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.*

Joshua 23:6 (NKJ)

*Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left ..*

Psalms 27:14 (NKJ)

*Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!*

Psalms 31:24(23)

*Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD.*

### **Comment**

A person who is cowardly lacks expected courage to act in the face of danger. It is understood that being cowardly is not a favorable attribute, but why does Revelation 21:8 list it with sinners who are destined for destruction in the lake of fire? A possible answer (supported by 1 Thessalonians 2:2) is that the Scripture is referring to persons who have the knowledge they need to receive and proclaim Yeshua as Messiah but withhold doing so because they fear retaliation. Such cowardice is akin to murder (the taking of life) because it deprives both themselves and others whom they would influence (were they to become believers) of the opportunity to have eternal life.

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

None