

BA16. Devoting Our Lives to God and Yeshua.

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BA16a: *We are to devote our lives to God.*

BA16b: *We are to devote our lives to Yeshua.*

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Corinthians 7:35

I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to put restrictions on you- I am simply concerned that you live in a proper manner and serve the Lord with undivided devotion.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the Messiah's love has hold of us, because we are convinced that one man died on behalf of all mankind (which implies that all mankind was already dead), and that he died on behalf of all in order that those who live should not live any longer for themselves but for the one who on their behalf died and was raised.

Colossians 4:12

Epaphras sends greetings; he is one of you, a slave of the Messiah Yeshua who always agonizes in his prayer on your behalf, praying that you may stand firm, mature and fully confident, as you devote yourselves completely to God's will.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Luke 4:8

Romans 12:1, 14:8

Ephesians 2:10

Colossians 3:7, 4:2

2 Timothy 2:12

Related New Testament Mitzvot

BA06 Offering Our Entire Selves to God

BA25 Putting God and Yeshua Before All Things and All Persons

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Deuteronomy 6:5

.. and you are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources.

1 Samuel 12:24

Only fear ADONAI, and serve him faithfully with all your heart; for think what great things he has done for you!

1 Kings 11:4

For when Shlomo became old, his wives turned his heart away toward other gods; so that he was not wholehearted with ADONAI his God, as David his father had been.

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of ADONAI move here and there throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong on behalf of those who are wholehearted toward him. You acted foolishly in this regard; for from now on, you will have war.

Comment

This *Mitzvah* BA#16 calls us to “devote” our lives to God and Yeshua; it is related (but somewhat different) to *Mitzvot* #BA6 that calls us to “offer” ourselves to God. Of course, God will accept our offer, so the two go together. *Mitzvah* #BA25 calls us to “put God and Yeshua before all things and all persons.” This is also related, but the focus is less on ourselves.

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- G08 Serving, Worshiping, Praising, & Praying to God.
- G13 Dedicating Ourselves to God
- G16 Putting God First