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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 10:37-38

Whoever loves his father or mother more than he loves me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than he loves me is not worthy of me. And anyone who does not take up his execution-stake and follow me is not worthy of me.

Galatians 2:20

When the Messiah was executed on the stake as a criminal, I was too; so that my proud ego no longer lives. But the Messiah lives in me, and the life I now live in my body I live by the same trusting faithfulness that the Son of God had, who loved me and gave himself up for me.

Philippians 3:7-9

But the things that used to be advantages for me, I have, because of the Messiah, come to consider a disadvantage. Not only that, but I consider everything a disadvantage in comparison with the supreme value of knowing the Messiah Yeshua as my Lord. It was because of him that I gave up everything and regard it all as garbage, in order to gain the Messiah and be found in union with him, not having any righteousness of my own based on legalism, but having that righteousness which comes through the Messiah's faithfulness, the righteousness from God based on trust.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 6:32-33, 13:44-46, 22:37-40

Luke 10:38-42, 14:26-27, 33

John 14:6

Acts 5:29

Romans 12:1

Philippians 2:9-11

Colossians 1:18, 3:23

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Exodus 20:3

You are to have no other gods before me.

Deuteronomy 6:5

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

Proverbs 3:9

Honor ADONAI with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your income.

Comment

Putting God first tends to be difficult, even for believers, because we are so used to putting ourselves first. This *Mitzvah* #BA25 is about not putting other people and things ahead of God, which, of course, means putting God ahead of ourselves and our predilections. Our natural tendency is to resist this *Mitzvah* because it seems easier, safer, and more predictable to give ourselves to persons and things we can see and control, as compared to God who we cannot see and definitely not control! That is not to say that there are never right times to be self-concerned or self-directed. When there is no overriding reason, it is God's norm for our lives that we keep ourselves safe, happy, and fulfilled. That notwithstanding, this *Mitzvah* requires that we forego our personal desires and preferences when God, for his purposes, directs us to do so. Our willingness to obey God without struggling is a measure of how disciplined we are.

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