

CA8. Not Taking Pride in Being Rich.

We are not to take pride in being rich.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 6:17

As for those who do have riches in this present world, charge them not to be proud and not to let their hopes rest on the uncertainties of riches but to rest their hopes on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 6:1-4

James 1:10-11

Revelation 3:17

Related New Testament Mitzvot

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EA06 Being Humble and Not Arrogant or Prideful

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

There are many Scriptures in the *Tanakh* that warn against pride broadly, but none about pride of being rich specifically.

Comment

Socrates said: *“If a man is proud of his wealth, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it.”* That is not half bad for a Greek philosopher, but to be completely correct and biblical he should have said:

“A man should not be proud of his wealth but, if he is, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it.”

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