

DA18. Not Causing Our Neighbor or Brother to Stumble.

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DA18a: *We are not to cause our neighbor to stumble.*

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Luke 17:1-2

Yeshua said to his talmidim, "It is impossible that snares will not be set. But woe to the person who sets them! It would be to his advantage that he have a millstone hung around his neck and he be thrown into the sea, rather than that he ensnare one of these little ones.

Romans 14:13

Therefore, let's stop passing judgment on each other! Instead, make this one judgment- not to put a stumbling block or a snare in a brother's way.

Romans 14:20-21

Don't tear down God's work for the sake of food. True enough, all things are clean; but it is wrong for anybody by his eating to cause someone to fall away. What is good is not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

1 Corinthians 8:9

However watch out that your mastery of the situation does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

1 Corinthians 10:32

Do not be an obstacle to anyone- not to Jews, not to Gentiles, and not to God's Messianic Community.

2 Corinthians 6:3

We try not to put obstacles in anyone's path, so that no one can find fault with the work we do.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 18:6-7, 24:5

Luke 11:52

Romans 16:17

1 Corinthians 8:12-13, 10:28-29, 12:2

Galatians 2:13

Revelation 2:14

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 34:15

Do not make a covenant with the people living in the land. It will cause you to go astray after their gods and sacrifice to their gods. Then they will invite you to join them in eating their sacrifices,

2 Chronicles 33:9

M'nasheh caused Y'hudah and the people of Yerushalayim to go astray, so that they did even worse things than the nations whom ADONAI destroyed ahead of the people of Isra'el.

Psalms 35:15

But when I stumble, they gather in glee; they gather against me and strike me unawares; they tear me apart unceasingly.

Proverbs 4:12

.. when you walk, your step won't be hindered; and if you run, you won't stumble.

Proverbs 12:26

The righteous guides his friend's way rightly, but the way of the wicked will lead them astray.

Proverbs 16:29

A violent man lures his neighbor astray and leads him into evil ways.

Isaiah 3:12

My people- children oppress them, and women are ruling over them. My people! Your guides lead you astray and obliterate the paths you should follow.

Isaiah 9:15(16)

For those leading this people lead them astray, and those led by them are destroyed.

Jeremiah 23:13

I have seen inappropriate conduct in the prophets of Shomron- they prophesied by Ba'al and led my people Isra'el astray.

Jeremiah 23:32

I am against those who concoct prophecies out of fake dreams," says ADONAI. "They tell them, and by their lies and arrogance they lead my people astray. I didn't send them, I didn't commission them, and they don't do this people any good at all," says ADONAI.

Micah 3:5

Here is what ADONAI says in regard to the prophets who cause my people to go astray, who cry, "Peace" as soon as they are given food to eat but prepare war against anyone who fails to put something in their mouths:

Comment

To stumble means to not obey God or Yeshua, knowledge we acquire through Scripture and/or the Holy Spirit. Unbelievers stumble by not believing in them or by rejecting their values. Believers presumably know God's values, but they can nevertheless stumble by giving in to temptation. Both unbelievers and believers can fall prey to being tempted or led astray by another person, and this *Mitzvah* #DA18 commands us to not be that other person.

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