

# **DA34. Not Associating with a Divisive Brother.**

*We are not to associate with a divisive brother.*

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

## **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Romans 16:17

*I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put snares alongside the teaching in which you have been trained- keep away from them.*

Titus 3:10

*Warn a divisive person once, then a second time; and after that, have nothing more to do with him.*

## **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Romans 12:18

1 Corinthians 1:10

Ephesians 4:2-3, 12-13

Jude 1:19

## **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

DA15 Being Likeminded and in Unity with the Brethren

DA67 Not Having Fellowship with Ungodly People

## **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

2 Chronicles 30:12

*Also in Y'hudah the hand of God was at work, uniting their hearts to do what the king and the leaders had ordered in accordance with the word of ADONAI.*

Psalms 122:2-3

Our feet were already standing at your gates, Yerushalayim. Yerushalayim, built as a city fostering friendship and unity.

Ezekiel 11:19

*.. and I will give them unity of heart. "I will put a new spirit among you." I will remove from their bodies the hearts of stone and give them hearts of flesh;*

## **Comment**

*Mitzvah* #DA15 calls for us to be in unity with the brethren, and this *Mitzvah* #DA34, related to it, instructs us to not even associate with a divisive brother. There are three reasons for it. First, our continuing to associate with such a brother is likely to encourage him in his sinful behavior. Second, we will risk being affected by and joining him in his divisiveness. And third, our being seen associating normally with the divisive brother may justify and validate his divisiveness in the eyes of others.

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

None