DA50. Bearing with One Another in Love & with Forgiveness.

We are to bear with one another in love and with forgiveness.

DA50a: We are to bear with one another in love.

DA50b: We are to bear with one another with forgiveness.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

Ephesians 4:2-3

Therefore I, the prisoner united with the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called. Always be humble, gentle and patient, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to preserve the unity the Spirit gives through the binding power of shalom.

Colossians 3:12-13

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with feelings of compassion and with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; if anyone has a complaint against someone else, forgive him. Indeed, just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 22:39

Mark 11:25-26

John 15:13

Romans 14:1

Galatians 6:2

1 Thessalonians 5:14

Related New Testament Mitzvot

DA04 Being Hospitable & Welcoming to Our Brother and Neighbor

DA05 Serving One Another

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- DA75 Not Provoking Our Neighbor
- DA76 Bearing One Another's Burdens

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Leviticus 19:18

Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against any of your people; rather, love your neighbor as yourself; I am ADONAI.

Proverbs 10:12

Hate stirs up disputes, but love covers all kinds of transgressions.

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle response deflects fury, but a harsh word makes tempers rise.

Proverbs 15:18

Hot-tempered people stir up strife, but patient people quiet quarrels.

Proverbs 19:11

People with good sense are slow to anger, and it is their glory to overlook an offense.

Comment

Whereas the word "bear" in *Mitzvah* #DA11 means to "carry" (as in a load), in this *Mitzvah* #DA50 it means to "endure." and "put up with." We live in a world shared by others; some we like, and some we do not. Some get on our nerves, and others do not. The fact of they're just being different from us can cause us stress, irritation, and even anger at times, but Scripture is clear that we are to love them all, and unconditionally forgive any sin they commit against us.¹

Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2

- N01 Loving Our Neighbor, the Stranger, and Even Our Enemy
- N03 Helping Our Neighbor Who is in Need
- N04 Forgiving Our Neighbor
- N09 Helping a Person Who Needs Rescue
- N10 Being Hospitable
- N12 Pursuing Peace with Our Neighbor
- N16 Nursing Anger Toward Our Neighbor
- N18 Being Compassionate & Merciful Toward Our Neighbor

¹ According to Michael Rudolph, "Disputes, Discipline and Reconciliation in the Body of Believer" (Tikkun Int'l: Montgomery Village MD, 2019), there are two kinds of forgiveness – personal forgiveness that is unconditional and is commanded in <u>Mark 11:25-26</u>, and judicial (transactional) forgiveness that is conditional (on repentance) and is commanded in <u>Luke 17:3-4</u>.