

FA14. Not Becoming Angry or Arguing While in Prayer.

We are not to become angry or argue while in prayer.

FA14a: *We are not to become angry while in prayer.*

FA14b: *We are not to argue while in prayer.*

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 2:8

Therefore, it is my wish that when the men pray, no matter where, they should lift up hands that are holy- they should not become angry or get into arguments.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:22

2 Corinthians 12:20

Ephesians 4:26, 31

Philippians 2:14

Colossians 3:8

James 1:20

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FA13 Praying with Lifted Holy Hands

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

None

Comment

1 Timothy 2:8 is the same Scripture that supports Mitzvah FA13: “Praying with Lifted Holy Hands,” but appears to support “not becoming angry or arguing while in prayer” as well. It is obvious that such behaviors during prayer distract from a holy and prayerful mindset, but why Sha’ul chose to mention them and not others equally inappropriate is not obvious. Perhaps they were problematic in the congregation being pastored by Timothy; in any case they are expressed as a directive that is as applicable today as it was then, so I have included it in this compilation.

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