

GA6. Not Practicing Sin.

We are not to engage in the practice of sin.

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

Key New Testament Scriptures

John 8:34

Yeshua answered them, "Yes, indeed! I tell you that everyone who practices sin is a slave of sin.

Hebrews 10:26

For if we deliberately continue to sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Romans 6:13

1 John 3:8-9

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Psalms 36:5(4)

He devises trouble as he lies in bed; so set is he on his own bad way that he doesn't hate evil.

Proverbs 2:12-14

They will save you from the way of evil and from those who speak deceitfully, who leave the paths of honesty to walk the ways of darkness, who delight in doing evil and take joy in being stubbornly deceitful,

Isaiah 5:18

Woe to those who begin by pulling at transgression with a thread, but end by dragging sin along as if with a cart rope.

Jeremiah 4:13

Wash the evil from your heart, Yerushalayim, so that you can be saved. How long will you harbor within yourselves your evil thoughts?

Daniel 12:10

Many will purify, cleanse and refine themselves; but the wicked will keep on acting wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand. But those with discernment will understand.

Comment

Practicing sin is not the same as sinning inadvertently or committing sin (even repeatedly) as a result of being tempted from time to time. Practicing sin is actively and intentionally engaging in sin on a consistent basis. An example would be continuing to live in a homosexual relationship, knowing it is forbidden; according to Hebrews 10:26, it is unforgiveable if not discontinued.

Another example and one in which there is much discussion is Matthew 12:32 that reads:

One can say something against the Son of Man and be forgiven; but whoever keeps on speaking against the Ruach HaKodesh will never be forgiven, neither in the 'olam hazeh nor in the 'olam haba.

Take note of the words “keeps on speaking.” One who keeps on speaking against the Holy Spirit is not only blaspheming God but is engaged in the ongoing practice of sin.

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