

4. Truth and **not** friendship / relationships

Exodus 23:4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou **shalt surely** bring it back to him again.

Exodus 23:5 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou **shalt surely** help with him.

I'm a friend to my friends

I'm an enemy to my enemies

Most of us probably won't go that far

Friend → friends

Enemy → neutral

What does the text tell us?

Act as a friend or do what a friend would do.

5. Truth and **nothing** but the truth

Exodus 23:7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

Leviticus 19:11 Ye shall not steal, **neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.**

Deuteronomy 27:25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Proverbs 17:15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, Even they both are abomination to the LORD.

6. Truth and not bribes / advantage

Exodus 23:8 And thou shalt take **no gift**: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, **which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:**

Deuteronomy 16:19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, **neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.**

Deuteronomy 27:25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.

1 Samuel 8:3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

1 Samuel 12:3 Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. **1 Samuel 12:4** And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand. **1 Samuel 12:5** And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

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Proverbs 15:27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; But he that hateth gifts shall live.

Proverbs 17:8 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: Whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

Proverbs 17:23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom To pervert the ways of judgment.

Proverbs 19:6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: And every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.

Proverbs 29:4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: But he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

7. Truth and most certainly not...!!!

This would include:

- Skin color
- Ethnicity
- Language group
- People group

And any other way we divide people up

Exodus 23:9 Also thou shalt **not** oppress a stranger: **for** ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 22:21 Thou shalt **neither** vex a stranger, **nor** oppress him: **for** ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:19 **Love ye therefore the stranger: for** ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 24:17 Thou shalt **not** pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

Deuteronomy 24:18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

Deuteronomy 27:19 Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.