

77 POSITIVE COMMANDMENTS WHICH CAN BE OBSERVED TODAY

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This is a summary of the Positive Mitzvos¹, also known as positive commandments. The Torah's mitzvos have many components. If there is a mitzvah you do not see, it is probably included as a component of a more general mitzvah, or one of the negative mitzvos. They have been arranged according to where they appear in Rambam's Mishna Torah.

Sefer Ha Mada: Foundations of Faith

- 1 To believe that there is a G-d in existence
- 2 To know the unity of Hashem, to believe with complete faith that Hashem is one
- 3 To love Hashem with all one's heart, spirit and might
- 4 To fear Hashem
- 5 To sanctify Hashem publicly
- 6 To walk in the ways of Hashem with all of one's ability
- 7 To be attached to torah scholars and their disciples
- 8 To learn Torah and teach it
- 9 To rise up before an older person, and a torah scholar
- 10 To turn away from sin and confess one's sins before Hashem
- 11 To bear affection for everyone in Jewry as for oneself
- 12 To bear affection for a convert, stranger, proselyte
- 13 To rebuke the sinner

Sefer Ahava: Love and Remember Hashem

- 14 To pray every day to Hashem
- 15 To bind *tefillin* on one's hand°
- 16 To bind *tefillin* on one's head°
- 17 To make *tzitzith* at the corners of your garments
- 18 To recite the *shema* morning and evening
- 19 To affix a *mezuzah* at the entrance of the home
- 20 To say the grace after meals, after eating bread°
- 21 That every Jew should write a torah scroll°
- 22 To circumcise every boy on the eighth day after birth
- 23 That the *kohanim* are to bless the Jewish people

Sefer Zmanim: Sacred Moments and Festivals

- 24 To declare Shabbos Holy, with words
- 25 To rest from work on the Shabbos
- 26 To be joyous on the Festivals
- 27 To clear away *chometz* on the 14th of Nissan
- 28 To eat matzoth on the first night of Pesach
- 29 To tell about the Exodus from Egypt on night of the 15th of Nissan
- 30 To rest from work on the first day of Pesach
- 31 To count seven whole weeks from the second day of Pesach°
- 32 To rest from work on the seventh day of Pesach
- 33 To rest from work on the festival of Shavuot
- 34 To rest from work on Rosh Hashanah
- 35 To hear the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah°
- 36 To rest from work on Yom Kippur
- 37 To fast on Yom Kippur
- 38 To rest from work on the first day of Sukkos
- 39 To dwell in the *sukkah* all seven days of the Festival°
- 40 To take up the *lulav* and *esrog* on Sukkos°
- 41 To rest from work on Shmini Atzeres

Sefer Nashim: Family and Sexual Relations

- 42 To marry in order to be fruitful and multiply
- 43 To marry with *kiddushin*
- 44 To marry the wife on one's brother who has died without children (a *yevamah*)
- 45 That a *yevamah* (childless widow) should remove the shoe of the *yavam* (husband's brother) if he does not want to marry her

Sefer Kedusha: Purity of Food and Sexual Relations

- 46 To ritually slaughter a domestic or untamed animal, or fowl, to prepare it for eating
- 47 To cover the blood of the ritually slaughtered pure untamed animals or fowl
- 48 To send the mother away from the nest when taking the eggs

Sefer Haflaah: Vows and Oaths

- 49 To fulfill the words that come from one's lips
- 50 To judge about inheritance of land
- 51 To judge cases of nullifying vows and oaths

Sefer Zeraim: Produce, Wealth and the Land

- 52 That whoever slaughters a pure animal is to give the foreleg, cheeks, and maw to the *kohen*
- 53 To give the *kohen* the first wool
- 54 That a Jew is to redeem a son who is first born to his Jewish mother
- 55 To consecrate firstborn males
- 56 To redeem a first born male donkey or lamb
- 57 To break the neck of a first born donkey or lamb if it is not redeemed
- 58 To separate *challah* from bread and give it to a *kohen*
- 59 To give charity to poor Jews
- 60 To release a loan in the year of *shmittah*

Sefer Avoda: Temple and Offerings

- 61 To have a reverent fear of the Sanctuary
- 62 To accord honor to a *kohen*

Sefer Nezikin: Injury to Person and Property

- 63 To return whatever one has stolen
- 64 To return a lost item to a fellow Jew
- 65 To unload the burden of another person's animal
- 66 To help another person load their animal
- 67 To make a fence around a roof, and remove other hazards from one's house

Sefer Kinyan: Commerce and Chattels

- 68 To judge on matters of buying and selling

Sefer Mishpatim: Compensation and Transfer of property

- 69 To lend money to poor Jews
- 70 To give a pledge object back to its owner if he needs it
- 71 That an owner should allow a field-hand to eat from the work of his hands
- 72 To give wages on the same day that a person works

Sefer Shofetim: Judges and Judgment

- 73 To respect one's father and mother

- 74 That a *kohen* is to defile himself for a close kin in attending their burial
- 75 To have reverence for one's father and mother
- 76 To remember what Amalek did to us
- 77 To destroy the descendants of Amalek

This classification of *mitzvos* is according to Rabbi Moshe Maimon, the Rambam, in the *Mishna Torah*. The *mitzvos* are listed according to Rabbi Israel Meir Kagen, the Chofetz Chaim, *The Concise Book of Mitzvoth*, Feldheim Publishers (1990 New York).

^o Applies to men but not to women.

¹ Outside of the Land of Israel.