

The Work of our (Divine) Hands: What?

Our hands have the ability to hurt as well as heal. Our voices can be respectful or harmful. Our power can be used to destroy or to create social justice. Our tradition is full of reminders of how we are to treat other people.

Directions: Read each text below (Column One). Explain what the words actually mean, without commentary (Column Two); add your personal commentary as to what you believe the text means (Column Three) and finally, give examples of what you could possibly do to help make this text become a reality in your life. (Column Four)

The Text	What the text means	What the text means to me	Apply It! When and How Can I Do It?
You shall not copy the practices of the land of Egypt where you dwelt, or of the land of Canaan to which I am taking you; <i>Lev. 18:3</i>			
The wages of a laborer shall not remain with you until morning. <i>Lev. 19:13</i>			
You shall not insult the deaf, or place a stumbling block before the blind. <i>Lev. 19:14</i>			
You shall not render an unfair decision: do not favor the poor or show deference to the rich; <i>Lev. 19:15</i>			
The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt <i>Lev. 19:34</i>			
Open your mouth on behalf of those who cannot speak. <i>Proverbs 31:8</i>			

