

WRONG IS ALWAYS WRONG

Text: Colossians 3:25

INTRO: In this lesson we take note of the fact that wrong is always wrong. It need not & cannot be justified. We may sometimes identify with the wrong-doer, understand his predicament, even sympathize with him to some extent, but we cannot afford to condone his wrong deeds. Wrong is always wrong. Lying, stealing, fornication, etc.

I. NO MATTER WHO DOES IT.

A. The rich & powerful.

Elihu: He is not partial to princes nor does He regard the rich. (Job 34:19).

B. Jews or Gentiles. READ ROMANS 2:11-12.

C. You or me, our children or grandchildren.

READ ROMANS 3:9-10.

II. EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT.

Num. 32:23 (Your sin will find you out.)

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil & the good. (Prov 15:3).

The Lord... will bring to light the hidden things of darkness & reveal the counsels of the hearts... (1 Cor 4:5).

Rom 2:16, God will judge the secrets of men...

III. EVEN IF YOU DO IT FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

READ ROMANS 3:8; 6:1-2

1 Samuel 15:22; Matt. 7:21

Abraham's deceit; the birth of Ishmael

IV. EVEN IF OTHERS ARE DOING "WORSE."

READ MATTHEW 7:3-5; 23:23-26

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; & he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much (LK 16:10)

V. EVEN IF IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOUR CONSCIENCE.

A. Conscience prompts us to do what we think is right.

1 Cor. 8:4, 7

B. If you have been improperly taught, you can do wrong with a clear conscience. Acts 26:9; 23:1.

C. Even one who has been properly taught can violate his conscience continually till it ceases to function properly.

1 Tim 4:2, seared

Heb 3:13, hardened thru deceitfulness

Eph 4:19, past feeling

VI. EVEN IF MOST MEN APPROVE OF IT.

Ex. 23:2; LK 6:26; READ ROMANS 12:1-2

VII. EVEN IF WE CHANGE ITS NAME.

Woe to those who call evil good, & good evil; who put darkness for light & light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, & sweet for bitter. (Isa 5:20).

disease, alternate life style, termination of pregnancy.

CONCLUSION: Wrong is always wrong. It needs to be repented of & forgiven.

La Porte, TX, February 19, 1984

Dickinson, TX, March 26, 1984 (meeting)

Shiloh, Mexia, TX, April 22, 1984

Exton, PA, May 5, 1984 (meeting)

Shively, Louisville, KY, December 2, 1985 (meeting)

Liberty Hill, TX, October 9, 1986 (meeting)

Exton, PA, September 9, 1990

Berks County, PA, May 19, 1991

Wrightsville, PA, May 19, 1991

Shiloh, Mexia, TX, October 3, 1993

Pruett & Lobit, Baytown, TX, December 26, 1993

Westview, Athens, AL, May 17, 1996 (meeting)

Waterville, ME, December 23, 2001 (meeting)