**WRONG IS ALWAYS WRONG**

**Wrong is always wrong, even if you do not get caught.** Remember, *“the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good”* (Proverb 15:3). Some people have gotten away with murder. Having escaped prosecution does not make a wrong right. Something is wrong, because God declares it to be wrong.

**Wrong is wrong, even if you do it for a good cause.** The end does not justify the means. The bottom line is not the good that is done. How you come to do something is just as important as what you accomplished. The Robin Hood syndrome, of stealing from the rich to give to the poor, may be noble in thought, but stealing is wrong. Lying to escape situations you do not like is not right. With this thinking, we determine when something is actually right or wrong. Something wrong today, could be right tomorrow if we decided the situation determines it. The Bible declares that there is *“one lawgiver”* (James 4:12) and that is God. Good causes do not make wrongs right.

**Wrong is wrong, even if you only do it one time.** The number of times something is done is not what makes it wrong. How many bites of the forbidden fruit did Adam have to eat before it became wrong? If he ate just one bite, would that have been pleasing to the Lord? How many times did Ananias have to lie before it became wrong (Act 5:1-12)? Something is wrong because a person did it. The number of times he repeats this wrong, only multiplies his sins. Wrong is wrong, whether it was done once or ten times.

**Wrong is wrong, even if others are doing worse.** A person can always find examples of people whose behavior seems worse than theirs. Two pigs sitting in the mud do not have room to discuss which of the two is the cleanest. They are both dirty. Finding others who are doing worse, does not make you behavior right.

**Wrong is wrong, even if others consider it acceptable.** Isaiah warned, “*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*” (Isaiah 5:20). Wrong behavior is popular, but that does not make it right. Wrong behavior is made legal, but that does not make it right. Wrong behavior is the basis of popular songs and movies, but that does not make it right. Wrong behavior is politically right, but that does not make it morally right.

**There is never a right way to do a wrong!**