

LEADING STUBBORN PEOPLE

Proverbs 29:1

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If you are in a position of leadership you will come across leading people who are stubborn in their ways. Stubborn people are not stiff necked individuals. They are obstinate and set in their own ways. They are difficult to manage because they **REFUSE** to listen to wise advice.

The only voice they choose to listen to is their own. Stubborn people frustrate leaders. Even though they create problems for their leaders they still need to be led. You cannot lead a stubborn person in the same way you will lead a submissive person.

Submissive people **LISTEN** to wise counsel. Submissive people **TRUST** the ones leading them. Submissive people

are **WILLING** to change their way of thinking to adopt a better way of thinking.

Stubborn people are the complete opposite. They do not listen to wise counsel. They do not trust the ones who are before them and they refuse to change their ways. So the question remains, how do you lead stubborn people?

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The way you lead stubborn people is to **LET** them do things their own way. Do not fight them when they refuse to honor your instruction. Allow them to blaze their own trail when they refuse to follow yours. Stubborn people must find out that their ways **WILL NOT** work before they will believe your ways will work.

Stubborn people do not believe fat meat is greasy. They must suffer the consequences of wrong behavior and wrong thinking **FIRST**. A stubborn person who does not suffer will continue to be stubborn. Once a person

endures an extensive amount of pain for an extended period of time your words will begin to matter.

**STUBBORN PEOPLE HAVE TO SEE THEMSELVES
FAIL BEFORE THEY BELIEVE IN YOUR
LEADERSHIP.**

Some people believe you cannot lead stubborn people. This is not true. God led the Israelites and they were very stubborn. They rebelled against God countless times. However, the Lord and Moses was still able to lead them.

Proverbs 29:1 says, "Whoever is stubborn after being corrected many times will suddenly be hurt beyond cure."

When stubborn people refuse correction do not get upset. As I stated earlier, **LET** them go their own way and do their own thing. Their stubbornness will invite **SELF INFLICTED** pain as the scripture articulates.

Stubborn people will become their worst enemy. When a person is hurt beyond cure, they are **HUMBLLED**! Until a stubborn person is humbled they will **NOT** listen to you.

A humble heart is easy to lead. This is why stubborn people must fall on the blade of their own sword. The pain they will feel will **MAKE** them fall in line with your leadership.

**STUBBORN PEOPLE WILL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD
WHEN THEY HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS
AVAILABLE.**

KEEP DOING WHAT IS RIGHT

Despite how people may ignore your counsel, reject your advice and walk away from your mentorship keep doing what is **RIGHT**. Eventually, your righteous behavior will convict them.

Righteousness is a magnet of attraction. When you exhibit righteousness King Jesus will reward you with many privileges, advantages and blessings in His Kingdom. These benefits become visible to people in the world.

As you continue to do what is right and stay aligned with the laws of the Kingdom of God, stubborn people will see the error of their ways and benefits of your leadership. Just because stubborn people do not believe in your capabilities now, it does not mean they will not see the value later.

STUBBORN PEOPLE ARE INFLUENCED BY RIGHTEOUS LEADERS.

(Keep doing what is right and eventually stubborn people will humble themselves and follow you.)

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