# THE LAW OF PEOPLE CHANGING THEIR WRONGFUL WAYS

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Exodus 7:19-22

People do not change their wrongful ways easily. It can be frustrating loving someone who refuses to change their wrongful ways. It can be discouraging helping people who do not want to change their wrongful ways.

In actually, this is a burden many people carry. Parents carry this burden for their children. Employers carry this burden for their employees. Pastors carry this burden for their congregants.

Hoping someone change their wrongful ways is a desire that can end in great **DISAPPOINTMENT**. Unfortunately, people do not change their wrongful ways because God told them to. People do not change their wrongful ways because they feel guilty.

## PEOPLE WILL CHANGE THEIR WRONGFUL WAYS WHEN THEY REALIZE THEY ARE NO LONGER BENEFITING FROM THEM!

#### **BE PATIENT!**

You can preach to someone until you are blue in the face. You can pound the truth into a person's head until they get a headache. Until a person **STOPS** benefiting from their wrongful ways they will **NOT** change them.

You have to wait until a person's decisions causes them great pain and tragedy. Only in the time of loss, chaos and trouble is when people will begin to **THINK ABOUT** changing their wrongful ways.

NOTHING WON'T CHANGE UNTIL THE MIND CHANGES!

Time is precious and unfortunately we do not have much of it. The energy you spend convincing people to change what is benefiting them is wasteful. Why? Because it is a Kingdom law. Kingdom laws do not change. They cannot be amended. They cannot be adjusted. It is what it is.

The Kingdom law that is being discussed is called "the law of wrongful ways." Exodus 7:19-22 says, "The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron: 'Take the walking stick in your hand and stretch your hand over the rivers, canals, ponds, and pools in Egypt.' The water will become blood everywhere in Egypt, both in wooden buckets and in stone jars."

So Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded. In front of the king and his officers, Aaron raised his walking stick and struck the water in the Nile River. So all the water in the Nile changed into blood.

The fish in the Nile died, and the river began to stink, so the Egyptians could not drink water from it. Blood was everywhere in the land of Egypt. Using their tricks, the

magicians of Egypt did the same thing. So the king was stubborn and refused to listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said."

The Pharaoh of Egypt refused to listen to Moses and Aaron to release the Israelites from slavery because he believed his wrongful ways were benefiting him. As long as his magicians were able to duplicate the miracles of God he **SAW NOTHING** wrong with what he was doing.

MULTIPLE miracles of God is when he realized his wrongful ways were NOT benefiting him. Fools do not change after the 1st, 2nd and third warning. They may have a different thought after multiple warnings. However, they still may not change their wrongful ways.

Pharaoh received the punishment of God MULTIPLE times and still did not have a repentant heart. If people are punished multiple times they MIGHT come to the conclusion that their ways are no longer beneficial.

### DIVINE PUNISHMENT HELPS PEOPLE REALIZE THEIR WAYS ARE NOT BENEFICIAL.

#### WHAT TO DO NEXT

When people do not change their wrongful ways the only thing you can do is **LIVE WISELY** and **LOVE THEM** until they realize their wrongful ways are no longer beneficial.

This may take weeks, months or even years depending on the person. Loving them through their stubbornness keeps you connected to them. Through this **CONNECTION** they will **SEE** you prosper and doing well.

What they **SEE** will convict them. What they **SEE** will inspire them. What they **SEE** will cause them to doubt their own wrongful ways. When you live righteously they will eventually recognize how wicked they are. Your success will question their methods.

You cannot convince people to change. You have to **SHOW** them **HOW** to change. Be a light in the midst of darkness and your influence **WILL** do the work!

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