

# WHAT TO DO WHEN CONVENTIONAL WISDOM DOES NOT WORK

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Proverbs 29:5

Conventional wisdom does **NOT** work in unconventional situations. Conventional wisdom is common sense. It is the equation of  $1+1=2$ . Unfortunately, life is not this simple. Sin complicated everything!

When you are dealing with wicked, evil and unrighteous people, **NOTHING** is simple. This is when conventional wisdom does not work. When  $1+1$  doesn't equal 2, what do you do? You use **ANOTHER** equation.

$$0+2=2$$

$$4-2=2$$

$$8/4=2$$

$$7-5=2$$

$$3-1=2$$

$$2 \times 1 = 2$$

You use unconventional wisdom to produce the desired result and outcome. There is more than one way to do anything. As you noticed above there are six ways to reach a total of the number 2.

In our constitution (Bible) God instructs us to follow many commandments that comply with His standards. These commandments are to be adhered to all the time such as honor your mother and father, respect authority, do not lie, etc.

God's word is **NOT** to be compromised or negotiated. However, the situation in which to apply these commandments may need unconventional wisdom. Unconventional wisdom is to be applied in **UNUSUAL** situations.

## STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES

If you working under a boss who is foolish, evil and lacks understanding how do you honor them as the Bible

commands? The thing you do not want to do is to give them false praise or compliments because fools are not worthy of honor. Proverbs 29:5 says, "*those who give false praise to their neighbors are setting a trap for them.*"

So if you shouldn't give them false praise what should you do? Do **NOT** embarrass them in public. Don't bring shame to their name. When you cannot give verbal praise with your lips, give integrity with your work.

Do your job with excellence. Your **WORK** should make your foolish and evil boss look good. If you let your work speak, your mouth doesn't have to lie.

Not verbally speaking about their lack of ability to the public is a way of honoring them. Why? Because the principle definition of honor is celebration. The best alternative to celebration is **SILENCE**. By being silent you are respecting authority **AND** honoring God at the **SAME** time. It's a win-win!

If you had a parent who abandoned you they are not worthy of honor yet the Bible commands us to honor our mother and father. How do you bestow honor to a person who left you? You forgive them of their sins and love them despite their flaws.

You **DO NOT** have to accept them, trust them or listen to them. However, releasing them of their past indiscretions honors them as your parents. Colossians 3:13 says, "*Bear with each other, and forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you.*"

When you are in an unconventional situation, conventional wisdom will fail you. When conventional wisdom is not working most people resort to doing what is foolish and wrongful. Despite the circumstances you are under you are not excused from obeying God's word. Sinning is **NEVER** justified!

If you are in an unusual situation use unconventional wisdom. If you do not know how, ask the Holy Spirit to give you the understanding of using unconventional wisdom so you can thrive in strange times.

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