

DA30. Not Giving Support to Wrongdoers.

We are not to give support to wrongdoers.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 1:32

They know well enough God's righteous decree that people who do such things deserve to die; yet not only do they keep doing them, but they applaud others who do the same.

Ephesians 5:11

Have nothing to do with the deeds produced by darkness, but instead expose them,

2 John 1:11

for the person who says, "Shalom!" to him shares in his evil deeds.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

2 Corinthians 11:11

2 Thessalonians 3:10

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Psalms 64:6(5)

They support each other's evil plans; they talk of hiding snares and ask, "Who would see them?"

Proverbs 23:9

Don't speak in the ears of a fool, for he will only despise the common sense in your words.

Comment

A term often associated with “giving support” is “enabling,” because when one gives support to the actions of another, it allows him (or makes it easier for him) to continue doing what he is doing, or allows him to avoid consequences for what he has done. A person who gives support to a wrongdoer is often seen as an accomplice and held accountable for the wrongful act as if he, himself, had committed it. Also, enabling the actions of a wrongdoer can be overt (e.g., acting as

a lookout in a burglary) or subtle such as giving sanctuary to a person known to have committed a crime.

Such was the famous (albeit controversial) case of Dr. Samuel Mudd who gave medical assistance to John Wilkes Booth during his flight from having assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Mudd was convicted and jailed for conspiracy because the court who tried him ruled that his medical treatment of Booth constituted support of Booth's crime.

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