

TWO WRONGS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT

By Donna Deos

Does anyone remember this phrase from childhood? I do. Whatever happened to this one? It seems like now-a-days this one has gone right out the window (pun intended). If two wrongs didn't make a right, no amount of wrongs can make a right! The more negatives you add, you just get a bigger negative number. It is still a negative number! [And negativity stinks.]

I think we need to bring this one back.

Also, for those of you unfamiliar with this saying, the rest of us learned it at about three years old when your brother pushed you and you pushed him back. One or both of you was screaming and your Mom came out to see what was happening. Once she knew, she scolded you both by saying "two wrongs don't make a right." Just because he pushed you did not give you the right to push him back.

What this means (for the slower processors) is that one wrong is bad. Reacting to that with another wrong is also bad. Two wrongs.... Okay, I see you've got it now!

So, how do we take a wrong and make a right out of it? Sometimes it is just by saying "hey, that's not okay." There is nothing wrong with pointing out a wrong if you do it nicely. Pushing back, hitting back, yelling back, etc. Those are not okay. Speaking nicely, calmly and with authority is perfectly okay though. It is a right (as in a correct, not your right as in a God-given expectation, although free speech and all...anyway, I digress.)

Now, if you point out a wrong to a wrongly inclined person, they may themselves pull off another wrong by being indignant to you and/or saying another wrong thing. This is when you can point out, "that's still wrong – and two wrongs don't make a right." I recommend only doing this in your own head because when you verbally point out a wrong to a wrongly inclined person they tend to take it poorly!

Why is this? Well it's because wrong behavior is simply tolerated more these days. Take the rioting in major cities after the passing of George Floyd in Minnesota who couldn't breathe when the police officer was holding him down. One wrong. Rioting = two wrongs, Looting = 3, Burning things = 4, etc.

Now we are going to have this case go to trial fairly soon here and my guess (an educated one as well) is that there will be many more



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wrongs revealed on both sides. Here is hoping that we do not see the incredible wrong of rioting, looting and burning the city that happened in the first go around. It is simply not okay and should not happen nor should it be tolerated. We are supposed to be a civilized people after all with a Justice system in place to assist those who were supposedly wronged.

This reminds me, some other things we learned as young children were: if you drop something pick it up, trash goes in the trash can, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, etc. Let us take a closer look at that last one. If you lived in Minneapolis, would you want someone to vandalize your home? Would you want them to smash the windows of your business? Would you want them to burn down your home, business or even the local police station? No. Actually, anywhere you live NONE of these things are okay. Granted, killing, hurting or maiming someone else is not okay either. None of these wrongs justify another wrong though.

When are we going to get people back to having manners? When are we going to re-civilize our people? Where did we go wrong in teaching people the simple right from wrongs that used to be common place things you learned at a very young age?

My apologies for the rant, but really people, when are we going to stop tolerating all of the nonsense? No number of wrongs is ever going to make a right. This is me saying "hey, reacting poorly and hurting and endangering other innocent people in the process is not okay." The scariest part of all is that it had to be said because very few people seem to remember that...

Wishing you only rights in 2021 and the patience and tolerance to deal with all the wrongers out there. Over time I do believe we can re-civilize people by leading by example.



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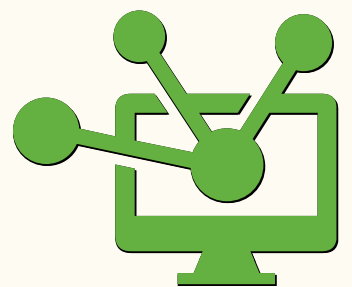
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