

“Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.”

Augustine of Hippo

It's Still Wrong...

✓ Even if it's legal

- We know that civil government is for the good of man (Rom. 13:1-5)
- Civil government, however, must be seen relative to God's will (Acts 5:29)

✓ Even though nobody else knows about it

- In reality there is no such thing as an unknown sin (Heb. 4:13; Ps. 90:8; Ps. 33:13-15; Ps. 139:7-12)
- We cannot “sweep it under the carpet” (Num. 32:23; Gal. 6:7; Eccl. 12:13ff)

• Even if it's someone else's “fault”

- Like our predecessors, we are good at passing the blame (Gen. 3; I Sam. 15)

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- ✓ **Even though it was done with good intentions**
 - Biblical examples: David, Nadab and Abihu, Simon the Sorcerer etc.
- ✓ **Even if it's less significant than the "other guy"**
 - "God I thank you that I am not like..." (Luke 18)
- ✓ **Even though you don't admit it**
 - Denial does not settle the matter (Mal. 2:17; 3:8)

