



ENCOURAGING PEOPLE IN THEIR WRONG DOING

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ROMANS 1:32 NKJV – (32) having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Paul has given a long list of sins he has compiled in the previous verses. These are sins we participate in when God "steps aside," giving us what we think we want. When we ignore His truth, and twist our own minds, we suffer the natural consequences of those choices (**Romans 1:18–28**). This leads to sin and all sorts of moral decay (**Romans 1:29–31**).

In this verse, Paul circles back to the idea that mankind does not do these things in total ignorance. He declares again that human beings, by nature, *know* these things are wrong. More than that, Paul insists that even when we directly know that God has announced that those who behave in this way deserve to die, we keep doing these things, anyway! **More than that, people also applaud, encourage, and support other people who practice these sins.**

For the record, it's not that we all do each of the sins listed by Paul in the previous verses. It's that **the same root of sin** rules in the hearts of each of us, expressing itself in some of these ways, if not others. Paul intends for us to find ourselves in his list of sinful words, actions, and lifestyles. We are all sinful, and we all deserve death.

"Encouraging others in their sin" means actively supporting or persuading someone to continue engaging in behavior that is considered morally wrong or against their own ethical principles, essentially condoning their actions and potentially even urging them to do more of it, which is generally considered a harmful and irresponsible behavior, especially from a religious or ethical standpoint. (Reference **Mark 9:42**)

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 9:42

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Don't condone what you know is not right.