

Changing people

We must understand that we cannot change other people; everyone has a mind of his own that is difficult to change. Everyone must be convinced that he or she needs to change before consulting their consciences and listening to the advice of other people who seem to care about them. However, people tend to be suspicious of others who offer their advice without being asked and thus seldom listen to them. People who feel that they need to change usually feel uncomfortable asking anyone for advice except the people they respect and trust. So, to be listened to, you need to win the trust and respect and oftentimes the love of others.

A professor can usually influence his students, but he does not have the power to change them. Therefore, a professor who feels that his students need to change must concentrate his efforts on helping them change the way they think. When people abandon old ways of thinking and start thinking differently, they would be in a position to take care of themselves; they will change their values, attitudes, lifestyles, behavior and the way they do things.

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