

SEWELL'S TEN LAWS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Law #1: **Go with your passion.** Forget guilt, forget will power--these are not healthful and dependable motivators. Follow your joy and positive energy.

Law #2: **Be what you want to see.** Your own life is your strongest witness.

Law #3: **Enlarge your sense of family.** Your brothers and sisters, your children, must increasingly include those about whom nobody else cares.

Law #4: **Give up cynicism and embrace hope.** It's not enough to define the problem and then stop there, smug and satisfied. We must develop a positive vision.

Law #5: **Refuse to stand by passively when evil is at work.** Speak up, even when others disapprove.

Law #6: **Start small and build from there.** You don't have to change everything in your life overnight. Just begin. And you don't have to be involved in every issue--pick one that makes your heart beat faster.

Law #7: **Surround yourself with people whose values you respect.** You will become more and more like the people you hang out with.

Law #8: **Join with others in groups, for what you cannot do alone, you can do with others.** When groups come together in coalition, their common voice becomes too strong to ignore.

Law #9: **Look for those "teachable moments."** When an issue is lifted up in the public eye and there is energy around it, that is the time for you to act.

Law #10: **Don't become invested in the fruits of your labor.** We cannot control the outcome, we can only be faithful to the work.