

"Be Defrauded Alert" (1 Corinthians 6:1-8)

- I. THE CALLING AND BENEFITS OF BEING A SAINT" (1:1-9)
- II. A CALL FOR UNITY (1:10-31)
- III. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WISDOM THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT (2:1-16)
- IV. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WISDOM (2:14 – 4:21)
- V. ADDRESSING ISSUES (5:1-6:20)

A. The Problem in the Church Exposed (6:1)

1. Believers were pursuing _____ action against each _____
2. The wrongness of this is emphatically stated through Paul's opening question:
3. "Having a matter against another" indicates that this is a _____ matter not a _____ issue
4. What makes this particularly terrible is that they are going before _____ judges.

B. The Failure of the Church Exposed (6:2-6)

1. In verse 2-3 Paul asks _____ questions to _____ them and drive home the point of their _____ in this area of church matters
2. **The Principle:** You are to be _____ to _____ matters pertaining to this life.
3. **The 1st Rebuke:** "Do you _____ them (secular judges) who are of no account in the _____?"
4. **The 2nd Rebuke:** The weakest believer who humbly seeks the Lord's counsel is _____ to handle disputes than those who are unrighteous outside the church.

* Principle to remember: do not air another believer's dirty laundry to the unsaved

C. The Proper Response of the Church Explained (6:7-8)

1. To have an unbelieving judge arbitrate for two Christians is a _____
regardless of the verdict.
2. Suffering injustice should always be the _____ option

*How does this apply to you?