

Paul Appeals to Caesar

Part Two | Acts 25:1-12

Introduction

Acts 24:25

The Abomination of Injustice

Deuteronomy 32:4

Thus says the Sovereign who governs the whole world to the ones He appoints to govern in the world:

Deuteronomy 16:18-20

Malachi 2:17

Isaiah 5:20-23

Proverbs 17:15

Exodus 23:6-8

"Not this man, but Barabbas!" John 18:40

The Joy in Righteous Judgment

Proverbs 21:15

Where righteousness and justice reign, God is glorified as His love is on display:

Psalms 33:5

Psalms 89:13-14

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne"

"steadfast love/mercy and truth go before you"

Psalms 98:8-9

Isaiah 5:16

Psalms 96:10-13

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"many...serious charges...they could not prove"

What they cannot prove by verified actions through eye witness testimony, they fabricate in their minds.

Here again we see the immeasurable value of maintaining a clear conscience.

2 Corinthians 8:21

Hebrews 13:18

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"wishing to do the Jews a favor"

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v11

"I appeal to Caesar."

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5 Characteristics that Create Christian Confidence in Conflicts:

1. Conviction. Speak only the truth in love (Eph. 4:15; 1 Pet. 1:22)
2. Conduct/Conscience. Live rightly before men (1 Pet. 2:12,15)
3. Conformity. Obey the governing authorities (Rom. 13:1-7; Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-17)
4. Courage/Commitment. Entrust yourself entirely to God (1 Pet. 2:19-23)
5. Concurrence. Accept God's decreative will (Matt. 6:10; Luke 22:42)

Psalm 43:1,3

Truth is the divine light that guides us to God's desired location for us. In that great truth, we rest.