

Series: 1 Corinthians

## “Some Biblical Counsel Regarding Lawsuits”

(Sunday Morning April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

### Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Jesus encouraged people to reach a legal settlement as quickly as possible, and He reminded us that legal outcomes are u\_\_\_\_\_ and sometimes n\_\_\_\_\_.

*Matt 5:25 “Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.”*

*1 Tim 6:10 “For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs”*

### I. The S\_\_\_\_\_ Nature of These Lawsuits

1) The P\_\_\_\_\_

The appropriate way to handle these matters was first with grace and mercy and even g\_\_\_\_\_.

*Matt 5:40 “If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.”*

*Matt 18:15-17 (Reference)*

2) The P\_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.”*

The primary reason that our Lord has left us upon this earth to evangelize the lost, and this takes p\_\_\_\_\_ over our personal desires.

*Matt 18:21 “(Peter Said to Jesus)...’Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”*

*Matt 18:22 “Jesus \*said to him, ‘I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.’”*

### II. The S\_\_\_\_\_ Nature of These Lawsuits

1) The P\_\_\_\_\_

*Dan 7:22 “Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom” (KJV)*

*Matt 19:28 “...’Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel”*

*Rev 20:4 “Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”*

Any Christian who has the presence of the Holy Spirit in their life and understands the scriptures is m\_\_\_\_\_ q\_\_\_\_\_ than the most educated Judge in our day to determine what is right and wrong.

2) The P\_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 27:18 "For he (Pilate) knew that because of envy they had handed Him over."*

*John 19:15-16 "15 So they (Jews) cried out, 'Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!' Pilate \*said to them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar.' 16 So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified."*

In the secular courts, you may or may not get a fair shake, and you can only hope that the Judge is not going to get ensnared by greed, or sex, or political expediency, or just p\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_.

### III. The S\_\_\_\_\_ Nature of These Lawsuits

1) The P\_\_\_\_\_

*Deut 22:5 "A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God."*

*Prov 31:4-5 "4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to desire strong drink, 5 For they will drink and forget what is decreed, and pervert the rights of all the afflicted."*

I think Paul wrote this, on the one hand, to remind these Corinthians of how s\_\_\_\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_ to sin some of these people were.

2) The P\_\_\_\_\_

*Titus 3:5 "He (Jesus) saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit"*

*Rom 8:1 "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

The reason Paul puts these three words (washed, justified and sanctified) in the past tense is because he is describing their p\_\_\_\_\_ in C\_\_\_\_\_.

*1 John 4:10 "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*