

Bringing a Lawsuit Against Someone

Beloved, there is a good reason why we should be aware of what the scripture teaches.

The Church at Corinth had multiple problems. They were involved in sexual immorality, they were getting drunk at the Lords Table (communion) they were lying to one another they were bringing forth false witness about God by saying that God did not raise Christ from the dead and they were going to court – suing one another.

Apparently, they had problems with one another, and their solution was to bring a lawsuit against one another.

Not too different from today would you say?

However, the solution rubs some folks the wrong way.

Read with me 1st Corinthians 6: 1 & following: “Dare any of you having a matter against another, go to the law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?”

In other words, when disputes arise between believers, they were going to court to get the matter settled. The court here according to scripture is the “unrighteous” and should not be handled there. It is to be brought before the believers (saints). The leadership in the church.

That is the reason why you have church leaders – deacons and elders. They are the ones who should judge between the offended parties – not the World.

Paul continues in verse 2 of the same chapter – “Do you not know that the saints (believers) will judge the whole world? And, Paul adds, “if the world is to be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?”

Further, Paul announces in verse 3 – We (the believers) will judge angels. How much more then the matters that pertain to this life?

Paul says this to their shame. Verse 5 he asks the question, “is it so that there is not a wise man among you, NOT EVEN ONE who will be able to judge between his brethren?”

But (verse 6) brothers go to law against brother, and that before UNBELIEVERS?

His solution is in verse 7 – You would do better to accept wrong, why do you not rather let yourself BE CHEATED. No you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do this to your brethren.

Beloved, I know this goes against the grain. It falls in the same category as “submitting yourselves to those who rule over you”

Our problem is that we often are unable to see those “unseen forces” at work on our behalf. We get the impression that if I don’t stand up for myself, no one will. After all is it not truth that “the Lord helps those who help themselves?”

Beloved, that is NOT TRUE.

He helps the helpless and as I often say “when you are working, He is resting. When you and I rest in His perfect care for our lives, He is working on our behalf.

God helps the helpless – are we willing to be that today?

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