

1st Corinthians Chapter 6

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Chapter 6. Paul continues his discourse of dealing with specific matters in the church at Corinth. The two in this chapter are civil lawsuits among church brethren and sexual immorality especial with temple and public prostitutes.

Verses 1-6: This pericope speaks specifically to civil matters. But the principle applies to all matters of conflict. I taught an Academy course on church Conflict. But the bottom-line truth is that the Lord expects and requires us to turn the other cheek. He taught us that if anyone takes our coat, give him also your sweater. Paul rationale: we are greater than those in the world in knowing how to rightly judge all matters whether civil or otherwise. God's Word rules over all things. Civil law only applies to us when it does not oppose God's Word. Therefore, if one takes us to court, we must go. But if it is our choice for our own loss (especially our brother in Christ) we are to choose not to sue,

Verses 7-8: These actions demonstrate that those that do these things are far from the Spirit of God. Paul says you have already lost far more than what you fight to gain.

Verses 9-11: The wicked will not inherit the earth! It may seem that "nice guys finish last. But that statement is only valid when situations and circumstances are measured (judged) by earthly, natural, worldly, fleshly, carnal standards. Paul states: "remember what you use to be." Remember where the Lord has brought you from. But the Lord has saved you, washed you, sanctified you, restored you, and justified you before the Throne of God. Leave that old way completely and come to the Lord's way of spiritual living in total submission to God's Word, Will and Way in the Kingdom of God.

Verse 12-17: The word "everything" must be qualified. In this context, it means "all nature/earthly things. He states I can eat what I want, but I will not allow food to rule me to the point that I cannot resist food. Then he states that sexual activity is for us but not to be experienced outside the parameters set by our Lord. Therefore, this activity is reserved for married people.

Verses 18-20: Part of many religions in Greece were Temple prostitutes who offered an experience with their God in the act of intercourse. No doubt drugs were also a part of these rituals. The body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost. If we will not allow prostitution to be conducted in our church sanctuaries today, why would we allow a harlot to have access to our bodies, which is the true residence of God?