

What it Means to Be a Mature Christian **I Corinthians 6:1-8**

The Corinthians were plagued by divisions and disorder of all kinds because they acted out on many of the practices they did before becoming Christians. One of these practices had to do with taking each other to court. This activity revealed an improper understanding of the church and an ignorant view of their life in the future with the Lord Jesus. The Corinthian believers took each other to pagan courts because they failed to see their own spiritual competence to judge their own disputes and to understand their spiritual future.

I. The Real Problem- The Church of Jesus in the Court of the Pagans :1

II. The Ideal Solution- The Church of Jesus is to Operate in and be Engaged at a Higher level of Ethical Life

A. Going to the Court of the Pagans was Inconstant with their Future Responsibilities and Present Abilities. :2-6

1. The Cultural Situation

a. Secular Culture

b. Sacred Culture

2. The Spiritual Situation :2-4

3. The Personal Situation :5-6

Principle- In light of the exalted role in the future world, as believers we are to live properly in this present world

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B. Going to the Court of pagans was inconsistent with the Christian Attitude of Relinquishing Personal Rights. :7-8

The Theological Principle:

Christians should settle their civil issues inside the church based on the wisdom of God mediated through the wise men and women of the church and provide a corporate apologetic to the watching world.

The Practical Problem:

Is it ever proper for a Christian to sue or go to court against another Christian? What do you think?