

(1st Corinthians 6:1-8)
“Teaching Rebels How To Worship”

~ INTRO ~

AS WE CONTINUE...

- Learning how to **apply Christianity**...
- It's important to understand HOW God's word...
 - *Transforms rebels into worshipers.*

BY TEACHING THRU THE ENTIRE BIBLE...

- Christians begin to understand the heart of God...
 - And **HOW to** live the Christian life.

~ STUDY ~

THE BACKDROP... UP TO THIS POINT.

- Paul continues to correct the church...
 - About the indifference towards evil inside the church.

IN (Chp. #5)...

- We discovered we can't be indifferent about *moral looseness*...
 - (Sexual immorality in the church must be dealt with).

IN (Chp. #6)...

- The topic changes to *meaningless lawsuits* between believers.
 - When a wrong happens AND emotions flow...
 - **What should we do?**
- People in general... need help with emotional control...
 - Especially after being wronged.
- What we have before us in (1 Cor. 6)...
 - Is another area where God *transforms rebels into worshipers*.

IT'S BEEN SAID...

*The delivering hand of God gets us out of Egypt with a miracle...
But it's daily discipleship that gets Egypt out of the believer.*

THE CORINTIAN BELIEVERS...

- Prided themselves on wisdom...

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- YET... they couldn't solve conflict Biblically.

IDEA #1 – THE WORLD IS WATCHING

SIX TIMES IN THIS CHAPTER...

- We read the phrase “*Do you not know...*” (NKJV)

(v.1) NLT

- These Christians were still wrestling with individualism...
 - AND now it's just being manifested in a different way.

THEY...

- Started with an internal fight about different teachers...
 - AND now they're being divided by conflict...
 - While running to the world to solve their disputes.

THE SCANDAL...

- Was **NOT** the lawsuit.

THE SCANDAL WAS...

- That Christians were publicly attacking one another...
 - And doing it before a watching world.

THE BIBLE TEACHES US...

- That believers are to value God's kingdom...
 - Over personal vindication.

THINK ABOUT HOW POWERFUL... THIS TRUTH IS...

- Think about how people “*go off*” about other believers...
 - In the court of public opinion.
- Posting social media rants that are loaded with emotions...
 - And often missing FACTS.

Paul is NOT saying that justice doesn't matters!

HIS POINT IS...

- Preserving Christian unity & Christlike character...
 - Matters more than fighting with another believer.

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THAT’S THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE WORLD...

- *Fight for your rights.*

(v.7b) THE BIBLE SAYS...

- *Sometimes it’s better to suffer loss than to dishonor Christ.*

IDEA #2 – LESSONS FOR LIVING

I. **DON’T** – Use non-criminal disputes against brothers

- Don’t file meaningless lawsuits...
 - Don’t bring on unnecessary conflict in public.

AGAIN... (v.7) Shows that this is a defeat for the Christian witness...

- Therefore we should just suffer the loss.

II. **BASIC DISPUTES ARE HANDLED THIS WAY**

- (Matt. 18:15-17) NKJV
 1. Go alone
 2. Go with others
 3. Tell it the church
 4. Final step turn them over to God
 - (Deut. 18:19) NLT
 - (Proverbs 29:1) NKJV

A REALTIME EXAMPLE THE CHURCH SHOULD AVOID...

[Denverite New Article – Snitch on your water-wasting neighbors](#)¹

III. **WHAT PAUL IS NOT SAYING:**

- Paul is not teaching that...
 - Christians should never use courts.
 - Criminal activity should be ignored.
 - Abuse should be hidden.
 - Victims should remain unprotected.

IV. **DO** – Use the court for crimes

¹ Denverite – Snitch on your water-wasting neighbors... by Sam Brasch (May 28, 2026).

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- God has set these in place for those who resist His ordinances.
 - (Rom. 13:1-5) NKJV

PRINCIPLE...

- Believers should pursue reconciliation and wise judgment...
 - Within the body of Christ.
- Rather than damaging the testimony of Christ...
 - Through selfish, divisive, & unnecessary public conflict.

~ IN CLOSING ~

REMEMBER...

- God's *deliverance* gets us out of our Egypt...
 - But it's discipleship that gets Egypt out of us.