

Text: 1 Corinthians 6:7-11
Topic: Conflict. Salvation.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 26
Series: 3 of 3

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Your Next Argument ^{part 2}

The Problem Is Bigger than You Think



1. Realize _____ (vv.7-8)

2. Remember _____ (vv.9-10)

3. Be _____ (v.11)

1 Cor. 6:7-11

⁷ The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?

⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers. ⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read Acts 6:9-10. In this case the Holy Spirit was a party to an argument. List a few biblically justified occasions for verbal disputes.

List some modern-day instances of verbal disputes that Christians engage in which do not appear to be biblically justified.

2. In 1 Corinthians 6, God groups quarreling (and the motives which drive it) with some pretty serious sins. To what extent have you made allowances for arguing and disputing that you would not make for the other sins on that list (see vv.9-10)?

What can be done to "re-sensitize" your life to quarreling and the sins that motivate them (such as "greed" and "slander")?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:11. When did God "wash," "sanctify" and "justify" you? Explain your experience that day.

What "progressive" changes toward increasing holiness are you seeing since that day — particularly in the area of how you relate to (and get along with) others?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Num. 7-8 & Pr. 17

Monday

Num. 9-10 & Pr. 18

Tuesday

Num. 11-12 & Pr. 19

Wednesday

Num. 13-14 & Pr. 20

Thursday

Num. 15-17 & Pr. 21

Friday

Num. 18-19 & Pr. 22

Saturday

Num. 20-21 & Pr. 23

Here are some resources to help you address the seriousness of chronically quarreling Christians.

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