

1 CORINTHIANS 6:1-11 | "DON'T SUE OTHER BELIEVERS"

MAIN IDEA: YOUR DESTINY IS TO JUDGE, SO RESOLVE CONFLICT NOW.

1. SETTLE CONFLICT _____, NOT IN COURT.

Notes:

"...he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed..."
Acts 17:31 (ESV)

STEPS TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION (see Matthew 18:15-17)

1. Go to the person in private to try resolve the conflict
2. If the person doesn't listen, expand the circle (bring in one or two other people)
3. If the person still doesn't listen, bring it to the church
4. If the person still doesn't listen, treat him as an unbeliever

2. ESCALATED CONFLICT IS A _____.

Notes:

"When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly." 1 Peter 2:23 (NIV)

"For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake." Philippians 1:29 (ESV)

"Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense." Proverbs 19:11 (ESV)



3. BE IDENTIFIED _____ OR BE IDENTIFIED _____.

Notes:

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1 (ESV)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Romans 5:1 (ESV)

Life Group/Family Discussion:

1. Think about the fact that you are called a saint. How does that change the way you want to live daily?
2. Out of the four 'bad responses to conflict' which one are you more likely to do (withdraw, escalate, negatively interpret, or invalidate)? What can you do to combat that response?
3. Reflect on your identity before Christ (the 'tattoo on your forehead'). How have you seen God change your identity? Share what that journey has looked like to encourage others.

