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Wisely Handling Lawsuits

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Believers are instructed to live differently from the rest of the world. This includes lawsuits between fellow believers. Believers in the church were using the public courts to sue one another. These lawsuits demonstrated they were not using the wisdom of the gospel to guide their actions. Lawsuits contradict the sufficiency of the Gospel and reveal an inconsistency in living out Gospel mandates.

Additional Verses:

Psalm 8

Daniel 7

Matt 18:15-20

John 13:35

Romans 13

James 2:1-7

Outline:

1. Lawsuits neglect our future responsibilities.

2. Lawsuits neglect the wisdom of the gospel.

3. Lawsuits neglect our witness to the world.

4. Lawsuits neglect our love for each other.

5. Lawsuits neglect our transformation by Jesus.

Study Questions:

1. How does our future responsibilities of judging influence how we should judge now?

2. How does the wisdom of the gospel help believers to settle potential lawsuits? What are the steps believers should take?

3. What does the world witness when believers sue each other? How does that harm our witness to the world?

4. Why are believers encouraged to be “defrauded” for the Gospel? What is your reaction? What does this look like in the church?

5. Why is it important to know we are a new creation in Jesus? How does this influence the way we handle disagreements with other believers?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?