

1 CORINTHIANS | THE ARBITERS OF THE SAINTS

1 CORINTHIANS 6:1-11

According to Merriam-Webster's dictionary, an arbiter is a person with power to decide a dispute. The Corinthian Church was better at causing disputes than deciding them. They struggled with arrogance in critiquing Paul, Apollos, and Peter, but they could not settle basic disputes within the church. Instead of taking care of issues "in house", they aired their dirty laundry to the public and disgraced their church and the Lord Jesus 'name. They used the law as a weapon and that led them to lose even when they won. Why was the Corinthian church so poor at settling disputes and what should we learn from Paul's as he corrects them?

1. An incorrect view of the _____ leads us to look for answers in the _____ .

2. An incorrect view of the _____ leads to a _____.

3. An incorrect view of our _____ causes us to get stuck in the _____.