

# Division because of Selfishness

## Points to Consider

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## The Goals

**1 Cor 1:10** - God wanted them to be perfectly joined \_\_\_\_\_, instead they were dividing over people.

God wanted all of them to be \_\_\_\_\_, yet they were allowing a brother to live in sin.

**1 Cor 6:20** - God wants us to act in a way that brings \_\_\_\_\_ glory. We should ask ourselves, "Is what we are doing or how we are acting bringing glory to God?"

**1 Cor 10:31-33** - Paul told the Corinthians that \_\_\_\_\_ they do should be done to the glory of God.

**Eph 3:20-21** *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. NKJV*

God is to receive glory in the \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Problems

**1 Cor 6:1** - The Corinthian saints were suing one another in \_\_\_\_\_ court. The secular court consisted of unrighteous people!

### **1 Cor 6:9-11**

Paul gives a partial list of unrighteous people whose judgment they were willing to submit to in order to settle the differences they were having with those who were washed, sanctified and justified by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Paul refers to what they were doing as \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 5) and a \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 7).

**1 Cor 6:8** - Another problem was that some of the lawsuits came from them \_\_\_\_\_ or cheating one another.

## Solutions

**Solution #1 - Remember that your rights are not more important than the gospel.**

**1 Cor 6:12-14** - Just because something is lawful doesn't mean it is \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Cor 8:9-13**

Paul had a right to eat meat, but he was willing to give up that right if it made his brother \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Cor 9:3-14**

Paul had a \_\_\_\_\_ not to work a secular job.

Paul had a right to reap their material blessings since he was planting \_\_\_\_\_ seed.

Paul did not demand his rights because it was not helpful to the spreading of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Cor 9:15-18**

Paul gave up his rights for the gospel's sake.

The spreading of the gospel is more important than \_\_\_\_\_ rights.

**Solution #2 – Your rights are not more important than the spiritual wellbeing of others.**

**1 Cor 10:23-24** *All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. 24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.*

Instead of focusing on our rights we need to focus on what is best for \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Cor 13:4-7** *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ESV*

Love does not insist on its \_\_\_\_\_ way.

**Solution #3 – Remember to whom you belong**

**1 Cor 6:15-20**

The views of the spiritual discerning:

1. Our bodies are members of Christ.
2. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.
3. Our bodies are not our own. We have been bought at a price.
4. Our spirits belong to God.