

The Trial of Christian Lawsuits

I Corinthians 6:1-8

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These 8 verses are basically 8 questions. Paul is putting these believers on the stand to testify about their abuse of the legal system.

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Paul presents...

1. The Case v.1

Legal Definition: Case

A general term for any action, cause of action, lawsuit, or controversy.

1 Thessalonians 4:6; Acts 25:10-12

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Paul presents...

1. The Case v.1
2. The Critique v.2-5

Legal Definition: Critique

The capacity to assess situations logically and make decisions based on facts rather than emotions or personal bias.

Daniel 7:22

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BIG TRUTH:

The eternal truths about your life should determine your present decision making

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Paul presents...

1. The Case v.1
2. The Critique v.2-5
3. The Complaint v.6

Legal Definition: Complaint

The pleading that starts a case.

Essentially, a document that sets forth a jurisdictional basis for the court's power, the plaintiffs cause of action, and a demand for judicial relief.

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Paul presents...

1. The Case v.1
2. The Critique v.2-5
3. The Complaint v.6
4. The Closing Argument v.7-8

Legal Definition: Closing Argument

The final address to the jury by the attorney for each side of a case in which the attorney usually summarized the evidence and his or her client's position.

Matthew 5:39-42; 1 Peter 2:23

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The questions you should ask when a grievance comes:

1. Have I searched my heart and my motives to determine whether the wrong done to me is significant enough to pursue action (personally or legally?)
2. Is the person who has wronged me also a follower of Christ?
3. Have I sought to resolve the matter privately, graciously, and honestly?
4. If my individual efforts have failed, have I sought leadership in the church to help me in this matter?
5. Have I considered not pursuing justice in this matter even though it may result in my personal loss?
6. If, after much prayer, deliberation, and effort, I feel it necessary to take legal action, have I explained to my legal representation that my only desire is a fair settlement for all parties involved? (Vindictiveness, revenge, or an effort to hurt have no place in our lives)

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MY REDEMPTION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY RIGHTS