

## Sermon: Judging the Church

Text: [I Corinthians 6:1-11 ESV](#)

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**Introduction:** [I Corinthians 5:13 ESV](#) 13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.” This is talking about before Jesus’ return. So the church was even then being told by the Apostle when there was immorality in the church, the church should handle it. If you look at what most lawsuits are about, you will generally find they are about power, greed, and sex. Sometimes these issues are all involved, but for us let’s talk about power and greed (money).

### I. Handle \_\_\_\_\_ Internally (vv. 1-4).

- A. Don’t use \_\_\_\_\_ judges (v. 1).
- B. The Church is \_\_\_\_\_ at judging (vv. 2-4).

### II. Don’t Behave \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 5-8).

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ can be found in the church (v. 5).
- B. Brother against \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)
- C. Give up your \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7).

### III. A Clear \_\_\_\_\_ between Us and the World (vv. 8-11).

- A. Don’t act like the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8).
- B. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ acting like the world (vv. 9-10).
- C. The Church \_\_\_\_\_ the world’s behavior behind (v. 11).

**Conclusion:** There should always be a strong contrast between the world and the Church, between unrighteousness and righteousness. This right standing with God can only happen by faith in Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit living in us. “Anyone who is still afraid of people is not afraid of God. Anyone who fears God is no longer afraid of people.” - Bonhoeffer

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### Lawsuits Against Believers

1 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? 2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? 3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? 5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, 6 but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers? 7 To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded? 8 But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers![a]

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous[b] will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,[c] 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

### Footnotes:

[a] 1 Corinthians 6:8 Or brothers and sisters

[b] 1 Corinthians 6:9 Or wrongdoers

[c] 1 Corinthians 6:9 The two Greek terms translated by this phrase refer to the passive and active partners in consensual homosexual acts