

# Second Baptist Church

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## Let's Grow Together: By Learning How to Settle Disputes in a Godly Way

(1 Corinthians 6:1-8)

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There were many things at work to hinder and holdup power and progress of the Church in Corinth. Instead of the church I \_\_\_\_\_ the culture in which it existed, the culture had begun to I \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

1. Doctrinal Error
2. Division
3. Debauchery
4. Disputes

### I. POSSIBILITY FOR DISPUTES.

V1a

Etymologically, the word dispute comes from two words, 'dis' = away, distant and 'putare' = to think.

Paul acknowledges that it is highly possible and probable that Christians will have disputes among each other.

Paul acknowledges the possibility for disputes in the church, but his major concern (in this passage) is how they are S \_\_\_\_\_.

1. They Shouldn't Be Settled from W \_\_\_\_\_ (V1)

2. 2. It should be Settled from W \_\_\_\_\_ V1b

Paul is saying that problems among Christians in the church ought to be solved within the disciplinary sovereignty of the Church and not in secular C \_\_\_\_\_ (v 4)

### II. THE POTENTIAL FOR DAMAGE V7A

There are at least two things a church potentially suffers when it settles a dispute in secular courts:

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## 1. **R** \_\_\_\_\_ Reputation

One of the worse things that can happen to a church is for it to be labeled as a place of contention and fighting.

## 2. A Weakened **W** \_\_\_\_\_ (v 6)

### III. A PLEA FOR RESOLUTION

He seems to imply to us that there are two choices that we have when there is conflict between two parties.

#### 1. Get Them Attitude

#### 2. He Admonishes Them to Practice a “TAKE IT THEOLOGY “ (V 7b)

Paul is saying, “Sometimes it’s necessary to take it rather than getting **B** \_\_\_\_\_ at those who do you wrong.”