

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

WISDOM IN CONFLICT

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

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3 MAJOR PROBLEMS

Division & Cliques • Sins of the Flesh • Disordered Worship

CHAPTERS 5-6





If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people?

- 1 Corinthians 6:1 ^{NIV}

1 Corinthians 6:2-6 ^{NIV}

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JUDGMENT AUTHORITY

Believers ✎ Believers
God ✎ Unbelievers

1 Corinthians 5:12-13 ^{NIV}

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church?
**Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those
outside.** “Expel the wicked person from among you.”





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Early Courts  Criminal Issues

1 Peter 2:13-17 ^{NIV}

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.





Trivial vs.
Criminal



TWO MISUSES OF
1 CORINTHIANS 6



Keeping things
“in house”





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May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

- JESUS • JOHN 17:21



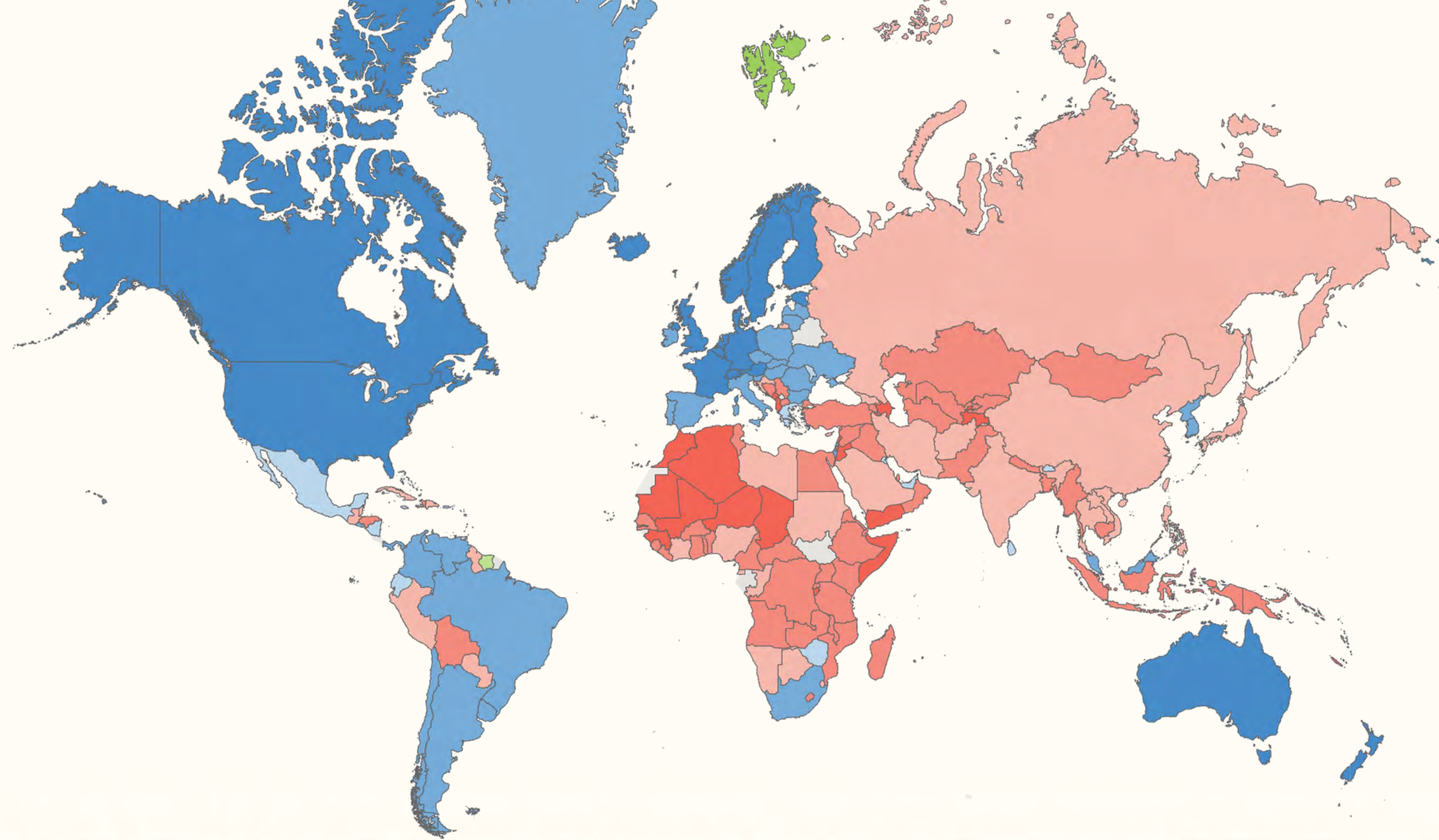


1 Corinthians 6:7-8 ^{NIV}

The very fact that you have lawsuits among you **means you have been completely defeated already.** Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters.

GLOBAL MAP OF CULTURE TYPES

- SHAME HIGH
- SHAME MEDIUM
- SHAME LOW
- FEAR HIGH
- FEAR MEDIUM
- GUILT HIGH
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1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ^{NIV}

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OF THE EARLY CHURCH

WISDOM FOR
THE FUTURE


WISDOM FOR
THE PRESENT

**FORGIVENESS
& GRACE**

WISDOM FOR
RECONCILIATION

WISDOM FOR
SERVANTHOOD





Matthew 5:38-40 ^{NIV}

You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, **turn to them the other cheek also.** ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, **hand over your coat as well.**



Luke 17:3-5 ^{NIV}

So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, **forgive them.** ⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ **you must forgive them.**”

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”



AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS,


IS THERE A...

...debt you need to release?

...dispute you need to settle?

...brother or sister you need to forgive?





“Father, forgive them, for they do not
know what they are doing.”

- JESUS ON THE CROSS

