



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **1 Corinthians 6: 1-11**

Brothers and sisters:

How can any one of you with a case against another dare to bring it to the unjust for judgment instead of to the holy ones?

Do you not know that the holy ones will judge the world?

If the world is to be judged by you, are you unqualified for the lowest law courts?

Do you not know that we will judge angels?

Then why not everyday matters?

If, therefore, you have courts for everyday matters, do you seat as judges people of no standing in the Church?

I say this to shame you.

Can it be that there is not one among you wise enough to be able to settle a case between brothers?

But rather brother goes to court against brother,

and that before unbelievers?  
Now indeed then it is, in any case,  
a failure on your part that you have lawsuits against one another.  
Why not rather put up with injustice?  
Why not rather let yourselves be cheated?  
Instead, you inflict injustice and cheat, and this to brothers.  
Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the Kingdom of God?  
Do not be deceived;  
neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers  
nor boy prostitutes nor sodomites nor thieves  
nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers  
will inherit the Kingdom of God.  
That is what some of you used to be;  
but now you have had yourselves washed, you were sanctified,  
you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and in the Spirit of our God.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

If Paul were to be the leader of our world today, the legal system as we know it would vanish! He would demand that people live as Christians, truly and fully, and in all things. Paul would create a society where people love one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ, who support and build up one another. What a world it would be.

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## **Food for your Journey**

Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev used to tell of a time when there was a wave of petty thefts in the USSR, and the authorities put guards at all the factories. At one of the timberworks in Leningrad, the guard knew the workers well. The first evening, out came Pyotr Petrovich with a wheelbarrow and, on the wheelbarrow, a great, bulky sack with a suspicious-looking shape.

"Come on, Petrovich," said the guard. "What have you got there?"

"Just sawdust and shavings," Petrovich replied.

And out it came - nothing but sawdust and shavings. So he was allowed to put it all back again and go home.

The same thing happened every night all week, and the guard was getting extremely frustrated. Finally, his curiosity overcame his frustration.

"Petrovich," he said, "I know you. Tell me what you're smuggling out of here, and I'll let you go."

"Wheelbarrows, my friend," said Petrovich. "Wheelbarrows."

--Os Guinness, "Mission in the Face of Modernity," in *The Gospel in the Modern World*, ed. Martyn Eden and David F. Wells (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1991), 85-86.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, make me an instrument of Your peace. May I love others as You love them despite the cost. Amen.