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THAT SETTLES IT!

I Corinthians 6:1-11

—Biblical Principles for Settling Disputes—

**I. It's likely at some point you will experience a _____
with another individual—maybe even a Christian. 1a**

“As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”
(Romans 12:18)

**II. It's easy to get all _____ in our approach toward
settling a dispute—even with a fellow Christian! 1b**

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.” (Proverbs 14:12 NIV)

III. God wants us to learn to settle our disputes
_____—especially with our fellow Christians! 2-11

A. P_____—Ask God to bring about a settlement!

“You do not have because you do not ask God.”
(James 4:2 NIV)

“For nothing is impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37 NIV)

B. P_____—Ask yourself, “Am I doing anything
to prevent a settlement?”

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.” (Lamentations 3:40 NIV)

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay not attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye’, when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.” (Matthew 7:3-5 NIV)

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.” (Romans 12:18-19 NIV)

“Forgive each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
(Ephesians 4:32 NIV)

C. P _____—Initiate the steps outlined by Jesus in Matthew 18 in the settlement process.

“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:1-3)

D. P _____—Take the matter to Christians for settlement, not the court of law. 1-11

4 reasons to take our disputes to Christians and not the court of law:

- Because of the _____ of God. 1
- Because of the _____ of Christians. 2-5

“In abundance of counselors there is victory.” (Proverbs 24:6)

- Because of the _____ of Christ. 6-8

“God’s name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”
(Romans 2:24 NIV)

“The name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.”
(Acts 19:17 NIV)

- Because of the _____ of God. 9-11