



"Hide Your Crazy"

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 6

I grew up in the south and I feel it is a very southern thing to hide your craziness and your families' craziness. Hiding your craziness was something that was instilled in me. We did not have family disputes in public--that was saved for the car or your house. The funny thing is, as I have gotten older, I realize there was nothing about my family that was even remotely crazy compared to others I have now experienced. I believe part of being a good man is to always make your last name stand for something and not do anything that would ever dishonor your family. So, if there was a family dispute you did not talk about it outside the family. Again, I now know some families have a lot to hide. We didn't, but somehow, I learned this value anyway.

Verses 1-11 of this passage talks about how we, as the church, should handle our own disputes among other believers and not involve the outside world and the law system. Why would we allow those who have different values and worldviews to help us settle disputes when we do not even agree on the big things of salvation, Jesus, God, etc. We should be different from the outside world and treat people fairly, especially those of the household of God.

This passage encourages wisdom to help settle disputes within God's family. Paul even says we should suffer wrong or be defrauded before we go to the outside world to settle a matter. Showing the sinfulness, even within the church, harms the image of the church and therefore, the God we serve. We should not want to do anything to harm the name we represent, Jesus Christ. We should want to honor God in all we do, even if it means being taken advantage of and how we handle that.

Do you have wisdom to help the brothers and sisters around you settle disputes? Do you treat other brothers and sisters in a way that is clearly honoring to the Name you represent, Jesus Christ?

PRAYER: God, help us to be sensitive to Your Holy Spirit as we interact with others and do right by others. Help us have wisdom to arbitrate when a fellow Christian needs help settling a dispute with another believer.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 7

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