

# Godly Men and Women are Qualified to Help Others Work Through Conflict

"So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers,"

I Corinthians 6:4–5 ESV

"but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?"

1 Corinthians 6:6 ESV

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"To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?"

1 Corinthians 6:7 ESV

## **A Couple Questions:**

# 1. Can I \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Settle Things?

"on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus." Romans 2:16 ESV

# 2. Who is the Source of My \_\_\_\_\_?

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." James 1:17 ESV

#### Isaac and Abimelech

"So Isaac departed from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah. And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.""

Genesis 26:17–22 ESV

### **God Was Leading through Circumstances**

"And the LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you."

Genesis 26:2 ESV

## He Had God's Blessing

"Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,"

Genesis 26:3–4 ESV

# What Conflict Does God Want Me to Give to Him?

"But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you."

*Matthew 5:38–42 ESV*