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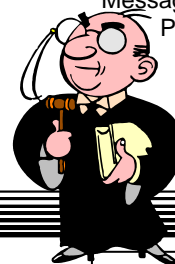
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# **Your Next Argument** <sup>part 2</sup>

*You Are More Capable than You Think*



**1. Consider** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.2-3)

**2. Utilize** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1, 4-6)

*1 Cor. 6:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? <sup>2</sup> Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! <sup>4</sup> Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church! <sup>5</sup> I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? <sup>6</sup> But instead, one brother goes to law against another—and this in front of unbelievers! (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. What relational conflicts or personal disputes are you facing?
2. Read Matthew 25:21 and Luke 19:17. How does pondering the things God may entrust to your leadership change your view of your life after death?

How does the potential of your eschatological future make you feel about the current conflicts or disputes God is presently calling you to handle?

3. How frequently would you say you pray for wisdom? Write out a prayer for wisdom that specifically relates to the current relational challenges you are facing. Where do you think God will send you to get this wisdom?

4. In what situations did Jesus face the same kind of conflicts you are facing?

How did he respond? How do you think he would respond were he in the exact situation you are in right now?

5. How might you utilize godly Christians to help you wisely navigate your next dispute?

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Lev. 19-20 & Prov. 10*

**Monday**

*Lev. 21-22 & Prov. 11*

**Tuesday**

*Lev. 23-24 & Prov. 12*

**Wednesday**

*Lev. 25-27 & Prov. 13*

**Thursday**

*Num. 1-2 & Prov. 14*

**Friday**

*Num. 3-4 & Prov. 15*

**Saturday**

*Num. 5-6 & Prov. 16*

*Here are some resources to help you biblically resolve your next argument with God's wisdom.*

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