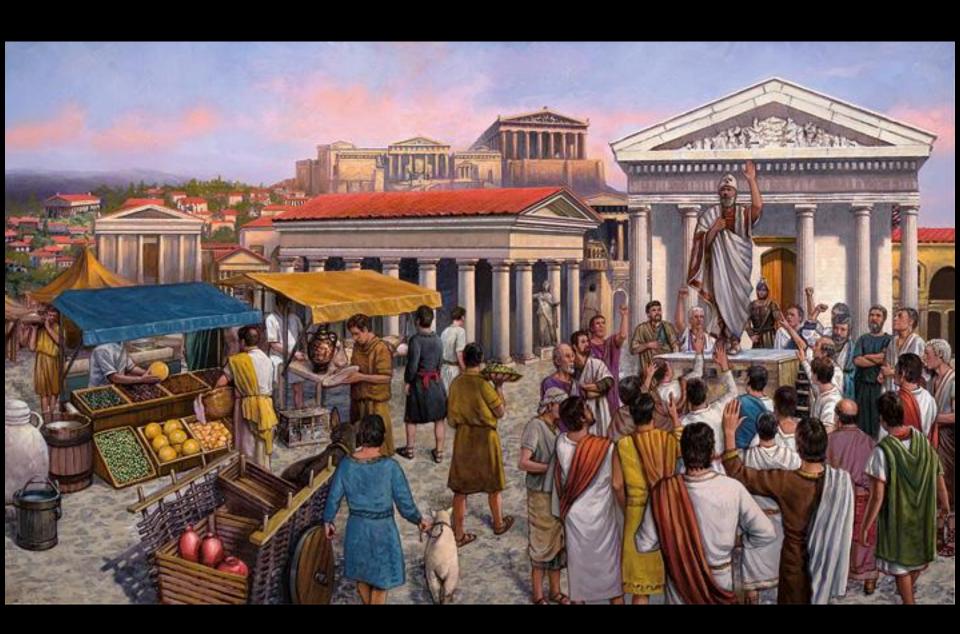
"How can you be so boldly defiant as to dare to do something as utterly reprehensible in the sight of God as suing one another in full view of a watching world?"



"Why not rather be cheated" (v8)

implies that these were civil, not criminal, cases.

For the one in authority is God's servant for your good.... they are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Do you not know that we will judge angels?

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

It is Paul's conclusion that it is better to lose financially than to lose spiritually.