

TO UNDERSTAND JUSTICE

1 Kings 3:11



LIMITED CAPACITY

- There will always be injustice that will necessarily be left unaddressed (Rom. 12:19).
- We do not have the power to address all injustices (Matt. 5:38-42).
- We do not have the authority to address all injustices (Eph. 6:4; Tit. 2:5; 1 Cor. 5:12; 1 Pet. 5:2; Rom. 13:1-7).
- We are limited in what we can know (1 Cor. 4:3-4).
- We are limited in how much justice we can dispense (Lev. 24:17-21).
- Unjust results are not always caused by unjust behavior (Ex. 21:28-29).



PRESUMED INNOCENCE

- This principle is not simply one of American justice, though it is not universal either.
- Accusations are opinions until they are proven (Acts 24:13).
- In order to know the truth, we must hear and examine all sides of a case (Prov. 18:17).
- The evidence must be more than single testimony (Deut. 19:15; 2 Cor. 13:1).
- Silence should not be considered as guilt of the accused (Matt. 26:60-65).
- We must particularly exercise this mindset when we are negatively disposed toward the accused.

