

## Compassion (Abba Zossimas)

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### **The Elder speaks on the circumstance of being harmed by a brother in Christ:**

If it is necessary to grieve at all, then we should grieve for the loss of that person who has harmed us, not for the loss of our possessions. For, that person has done injustice to himself by being cast out of the heavenly kingdom. 'Wrongdoers shall not inherit the kingdom of God' (1 Cor. 6:9). As for you that have been done injustice, the person that has wronged you has in fact procured life for you. It is indeed said: 'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven' (Matt. 5:12). Yet, instead of grieving over the loss of one of Christ's members, we sit and weave thoughts about corruptible and insignificant matters, which are easily lost and worth nothing. We are truly and rightly condemning ourselves." [\(περισσότερα...\)](#)