

¹⁴Do everything without complaining and arguing, ¹⁵so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.”

Philippians 2:14-15 NLT

Three Types of Complainers:

1. The _____.

¹³Have I been wasting my time? Why take the trouble to be pure? ¹⁴All I get out of it is trouble and woe – every day and all day long!”

Psalm 73:13-14 LB

2. The _____.

¹¹Moses said to the Lord, “Why pick on me, to give me the burden of a people like this? ¹²Are they my children? Am I their father? Is that why you have given me the job of nursing them along like babies until we get to the land you promised their ancestors?...¹⁴I can’t carry this nation by myself! The load is far too heavy! ¹⁵If you are going to treat me like this, please kill me right now; it will be a kindness! Let me out of this impossible situation!”

Numbers 11:11-12, 14-15 LB

3. The _____.

“A nagging wife is like water going drip-drip-drip on a rainy day.”

Proverbs 27:15 GN

When we complain...

A. We are questioning God’s _____.

B. We are doubting God’s _____.

C. We are forgetting God’s _____.

Three Keys to Joy

1. Learn to be _____.

⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.”

1 Timothy 6:7-8 NIV

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”

Philippians 4:11 NIV

2. Find God’s _____.

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.”

Philippians 1:12-14 NIV

3. Live for a _____.

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

James 1:2-4 NIV

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.”

Philippians 3:7-8 NIV