

PROBLEMS

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS



SERMON NOTES

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THE PROBLEM OF COMPLAINING

Philippians 2:14 (NLT) "Do everything without complaining and arguing, so 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.

Numbers 11:1 (CSB) "Now the people began complaining openly before the Lord about hardship. When the Lord heard, his anger burned, and fire from the Lord blazed among them and consumed the outskirts of the camp. 2 Then the people cried out to Moses, and he prayed to the Lord, and the fire died down. 3 So that place was named Taberah, because the Lord's fire had blazed among them. 4 The riffraff among them had a strong craving for other food. The Israelites wept again and said, "Who will feed us meat? 5 We remember the free fish we ate in Egypt, along with the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic. 6 But now our appetite is gone; there's nothing to look at but this manna!"

Proverbs 27:15 (NLT) A quarrelsome wife is as annoying as constant dripping on a rainy day. 16 Stopping her complaints is like trying to stop the wind or trying to hold something with greased hands.

Why do we complain?

Reason #1: We complain when we feel there is a significant gap between an _____ and _____.

Reason #2: Complaining is part of our _____.

Does our complaining glorify _____ purpose?
Or is it glorifying _____ own agenda?

James 1:2 (NIV) Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Complaining can lead to the _____ of God's plan.

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How do we overcome complaining?

1.) _____ it is a problem and _____ responsibility.

Proverbs 28:13 (NLT) "People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy."

2.) Develop the attitude of _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB) "Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

3.) Look for God in _____ circumstances.

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV) "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

Numbers 11:11 (CSB) So Moses asked the Lord, "Why have you brought such trouble on your servant? Why are you angry with me, and why do you burden me with all these people?"

4.) Practice _____ talk.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

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