


Stop Complaining

Philippians 2:14-16

I. Complaining is more serious than you might think

Numbers 14:2-3 "And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

Numbers 14:11 "Then the Lord said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me?"

Psalm 106:24-25 "Then they despised the pleasant land;□ They did not believe His word, But complained in their tents,□ And did not heed the voice of the Lord."

1 Corinthians 10:9-10 "nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer."

1 Corinthians 10:11 CEV "These things happened to them as a warning to us. All this was written in the Scriptures to teach us who live in these last days."

Complaining: A symptom of a deep seeded spiritual problem which is a failure to trust God and to submit to his providential will.

II. Two reasons why we should STOP COMPLAINING:

1. For our own sake

v. 15 "that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault."

Blameless: A life that can't be criticized

Harmless: unmixed, undefiled

Our life is to be a life which cannot be criticized for sin and which is pure and undefiled and unmixed with evil.

2. For the sake of the unsaved

v. 15-16 "that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the

world, holding fast the word of life"

Matthew 5:14 "you are the light of the world."

Bottom Line:

- **Stop Complaining, stop arguing with God, obey God joyfully!**
- **Shine as lights in the world**
- **It's your joyful, thankful, positive, enthusiastic trust in and love for God that makes your witnessing effective.**