

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Stop Complaining"

Philippians 2:14-16

Paul's first concern is that they work out their salvation.

Paul's second concern is that they would do all things without grumbling and disputing.

"Grumbling" (GOGGUSMON) involves quiet verbal expressions of discontent or displeasure accompanied by feelings of annoyance or anger which originate in our flesh.

Anytime we come across a situation that we believe has made our life or the life of another person we care about difficult we may be tempted to grumble.

We do not have to be happy about our circumstances. But we also do not have to grumble or allow those circumstances to diminish the joy that we have in Christ.

The reason why grumbling is such a serious sin is because it means that in essence we are upset with God and choosing not to trust Him. It is a sin of pride (Exodus 16:1-8).

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If our discontented spirit leads us to grumble a number of serious negative consequences can quickly follow.

We may suffer increasing conflict in our personal relationships.

The word "disputing" (DIALOGISMOS) literally means "through reasoning" but because of the context the word is translated "disputing" (NAS) or arguing (NIV).

We may as a child of God be disciplined by Him (1 Corinthians 10:6-10).