

Christ-like Ways to Conquer Complaining



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Text: Philippians 2:14-18

Introduction: How do you feel about complainers? Have you ever complained? When we read the Old Testament story of the Exodus we see that the children of God were complainers. That attitude and practice was passed on to the followers of God even in the New Testament. God blesses, protects, guides, and provides, yet we still complain. Can you imagine the frustration of Moses? Paul deals with something similar in the church at Philippi. Can you sense his frustration? When we look inward, we see a lot of things we need to change. We should desire to follow THE WAY (**John 14:6**), our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In our lesson today, we will see how to conquer complaining by surrendering to our Lord. Let's read our text together.....

Discussion:

- I. To Conquer Complaining We Have To Let Jesus Alter Our Conscience*
Philippians 2:14, Matthew 5:3-10, Philippians 4:8-9, I Thessalonians 5:18, Psalm 96:3
- II. To Conquer Complaining We Have To Let Jesus Alter Our Commitment*
Philippians 2:15, Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2, Mark 12:30
- III. To Conquer Complaining We Have To Let Jesus Alter Our Communication*
Philippians 2:16, Psalm 73:13, Ecclesiastes 1:2, Proverbs 27:15
- IV. To Conquer Complaining We Have To Let Jesus Alter Our Contentment*
Philippians 2:17, II Timothy 4:6-8, Daniel 12:3, I Peter 2:9, Proverbs 28:13, James 5:16, Philippians 4:11
- V. To Conquer Complaining We Have To Let Jesus Alter Our Character*
Philippians 2:18, I Corinthians 11:1, Romans 12:1-2, Proverbs 19:3, Ephesians 1:3, Philippians 4:2

Conclusion: Solomon says, "Weigh your words carefully" (**Proverbs 17:28**). Are you guilty of backbiting, gossiping, or complaining? Our challenge is to become more Christ-like in ALL that we do, so that we can have the victory! Don't you want to conquer sin? Then, let's look to Jesus! Fill your lips with hope, love, and praise today!!!

WORD OF THE DAY = "COMPLAIN"