

And they said to them, “Let the Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hands to kill us.”

EXODUS 5:21

Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

EXODUS 16:2

**see also Exodus 14:11-12; 15:22-24;
17:1-4; Numbers 11:1-15; 12:1-12;
14:1-10; 16:1-50; 20:1-5, etc.**



COMPLAINING: WHAT IT ISN'T

We are NOT talking about...

- Legitimate grievances against wickedness
- Asking for help with a burden
- Recognizing the true challenge of spiritual excellence

“and the people complained...”





COMPLAINING: WHAT IT IS

and Common Complaints

- **Grumbling or murmuring simply for the sake of letting others know I'm unhappy**
 - » **Decisions made by others**
 - » **Responsibilities we have to shoulder**
 - » **Perceived slights from others**



“and the people complained...”



COMPLAINING: WHAT IT IS

and Common Complaints

- **Grumbling or murmuring simply for the sake of letting others know I'm unhappy**
 - » **Too much to do; not enough to do**
 - » **Daily annoyances of life**
 - » **In short: anything and everything!**



“and the people complained...”



NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS

Negative

- **Philippians 2:14**

“and the people complained...”





**DO ALL THINGS WITHOUT
COMPLAINING AND DISPUTING.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:14



“and the people complained...”



NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS

Negative

- Philippians 2:14; **I Peter 4:9**

“and the people complained...”





**BE HOSPITABLE TO ONE
ANOTHER WITHOUT GRUMBLING.**

I PETER 4:9



“and the people complained...”



NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS

Negative

- Philippians 2:14; I Peter 4:9

Positive

- **Romans 12:12**

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**REJOICE IN HOPE,
BE PATIENT IN TRIBULATION,
BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER.**

ROMANS 12:12



“and the people complained...”



NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS

Negative

- Philippians 2:14; I Peter 4:9

Positive

- Romans 12:12; **Galatians 5:22**

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**BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
LOVE, JOY, PEACE,
LONGSUFFERING, KINDNESS,
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL.**

GALATIANS 5:22-23

“and the people complained...”





NEW TESTAMENT COMMANDS

Negative

- **Philippians 2:14; I Peter 4:9**

Positive

- **Romans 12:12; Galatians 5:22**

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SOLVING THE PROBLEM

- **Choose gratitude instead.**
- **Consider others.**
- **Use hardships for their intended purpose.**
- **Focus on the bigger picture.**
- **Monitor yourself.**



“and the people complained...”
