

Do everything without complaining or arguing Philippians 2:14

A. Understand the context.

B. Understand what God's Word commands us.

C. God's purpose in this command?

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D. 12 Point Cure for Complaining

1. God commands me never to complain.
2. God commands me to give thanks in all circumstances.
3. God commands me to rejoice always, and especially in times of trials.
4. I always deserve much worse than what I am suffering now-In fact I deserve HELL!
5. In light of the eternal happiness and glory that I will experience in heaven, this present trial is extremely brief and insignificant, even if it were to last a lifetime.
6. My suffering is far less than that which Christ suffered, and He did not complain.
7. To complain is to say God is not just.
8. Faith and prayer exclude complaining
9. This difficulty is being used by God for my good and it is foolish for me to complain against it.
10. Those more faithful than I have suffered far worse than I, and did so without complaining.
11. Complaining denies that God's grace is entirely sufficient,
12. The greatest suffering, the worst trial or difficulty, can never rob me of that which is of the greatest value to me and my greatest joy, namely the love of Christ.

12 Point Cure for Complaining

Complaining is unbecoming of the true Christian and yet we are proficient at it. The cure is found in these verses. In Christ we are never hopeless or forsaken. Every trial has meaning. Meditate on this cure in order to change both your language and your heart.

<p>1-God commands me never to complain. Phil 2:14 <i>Do everything without complaining or arguing</i></p> <p>2-God commands me to give thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 <i>give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.</i></p> <p>3-God commands me to rejoice always, and especially in times of trials. Phil 4:4 <i>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:16 <i>Be joyful always</i> James 1:2 <i>Count it all joy when fall into various trials.</i></p> <p>4-I always deserve much worse than what I am suffering now-In fact I deserve HELL! Romans 3:23 <i>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,</i></p> <p>5-In light of the eternal happiness and glory that I will experience in heaven, this present trial is extremely brief and insignificant, even if it were to last a lifetime. <i>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.</i> Romans 8:18</p> <p>6-My suffering is far less than that which Christ suffered, and He did not complain. <i>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.</i> 1 Peter 2:23</p> <p>7-To complain is to say God is not just. <i>Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?</i> Genesis 18:25</p>	<p>8-Faith and prayer exclude complaining <i>I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.</i> Psalm 34:4</p> <p>9-This difficulty is being used by God for my good and it is foolish for me to complain against it. <i>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose</i> Romans 8:28</p> <p>10-Those more faithful than I have suffered far worse than I, and did so without complaining. <i>Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. ³⁷ They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.</i> Hebrew 11:35-39</p> <p>11-Complaining denies that God's grace is entirely sufficient, <i>My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness</i> 2 Corinthians 12:9</p> <p>12-The greatest suffering, the worst trial or difficulty, can never rob me if that which is of the greatest value to me and my greatest joy, namely the love of Christ. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35-39</p>
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