

Join us next weekend as we continue our sermon series on "How To Be Happy For The Rest Of Your Life"

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How To Be Happy For The Rest Of Your Life – Sermon #5
Happy Are Those Who Conquer Complaining
Philippians 2:12-18; Exodus 15:22-27 and
Selected Scriptures

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SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 2:14-15** "Do everything without **complaining or arguing**, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you **shine like stars** in the universe."

1. FOUR COMMON _____ OF COMPLAINERS.

➤ **The _____ – David.**

SCRIPTURE – **Psalms 73:13** "Have I been wasting my time? Why take all the trouble to be pure? All I get out of it is trouble and woe."

➤ **The _____ – Moses.**

SCRIPTURE – **Numbers 11:11-15** "Moses said to the Lord, 'Why pick on me, to give the burden of a people like this? I can't carry this nation by myself! If you're going to treat me like this, please kill me right now -- it will be a kindness! Let me out of this impossible situation!'"

➤ **The _____ – Solomon**

SCRIPTURE – **Ecclesiastes 1:2-4,9** "Life is useless. You spend your life working and what do you have to show for it? The world stays just the same ... **what has been done before will be done again.**"

➤ **The _____.**

2. THE THINGS THAT _____ COMPLAINING.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Peter 1:7** "These trials are only to test your faith to show that it is strong and pure."

- Pressure and _____ can cause you to become a complainer.

SCRIPTURE – **Psalms 50:15** *"I want you to trust Me in your times of trouble so I can rescue you and you can give Me glory."*

- Frustrating _____ can cause you to become a complainer.

SCRIPTURE – **Isaiah 2:22** *"You should stop trusting in people to save you because people are only human."*

- Misplaced _____ can cause you to become a complainer.

SCRIPTURE – **Matthew 6:33 NLT** *"Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs and He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the kingdom of God your primary concern."*

1. Your priorities in life can be determined by what is _____ in your life.
2. Your priorities in life can be determined by what you _____ about the most.
3. Your priorities in life can be determined by where your _____ goes first.
4. Your priorities in life can be determined by how you spend your _____.

3. THE HABIT OF COMPLAINING ALWAYS DISPLAYS A LACK OF _____.

- Your *faith* is tested by your _____.

➤ Your *faith* is tested by your _____ to disappointment.
 SCRIPTURE – **Exodus 15:25** *"Then the Lord made a decree and a law for them and there He tested them."*

- Your *faith* is tested by how long it takes to forget God's _____.

4. HOW DO YOU _____ COMPLAINING?

- Admit you have a _____ with complaining.

SCRIPTURE – **Proverbs 28:13** *"A man who refuses to **admit** his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance."*

- Accept _____ for your own life.

SCRIPTURE – **Proverbs 19:3** *"Some people ruin themselves by their own stupid mistakes and then **blame** the Lord."*

- Develop an attitude of _____.

SCRIPTURE – **1 Thessalonians 5:18** *"**Give thanks** in all circumstances, for this is **God's will** for you in Christ Jesus."*

- Look for God's _____ in your circumstances.

SCRIPTURE – **2 Corinthians 4:17-18** *"This small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. So we fix our attention, not on the things that are seen, but on the things that are unseen. What is seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever."*

- Practice speaking _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Ephesians 4:29** *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is **helpful for building others up** according to **their needs**, that it may benefit those who listen."*

KEY POINT TO REMEMBER – If you want to stand out from the crowd be _____ in a negative world.