



The Notes

SERIOUSLY, STOP!

Part 1: “Seriously, Stop Complaining!”

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“Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Ephesians 5:20 (NCV)

“Give thanks to God no matter what circumstances you find yourself in. (This is God’s will for all of you in Jesus the Anointed.)”
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (TVB)

“You can be sure of this: when the day of judgment comes, everyone will be held accountable for every careless word he has spoken. Your very words will be used as evidence against you, and your words will declare you either innocent or guilty.”
Matthew 12:36-37 (TPT)

**IF I WANT TO HAVE A MATURE AND GRATEFUL
HEART, I HAVE TO STOP COMPLAINING,
BECAUSE...**

**1. ...IT'S LITERALLY RUINING THE WAY I THINK,
SPEAK AND ACT**

"Ironically this same tongue can be both an instrument of blessing to our Lord and Father and a weapon that hurls curses upon others who are created in God's own image. One mouth streams forth both blessings and curses. My brothers and sisters, this is not how it should be. Does a spring gush crystal clear freshwater and moments later spurt out bitter salt water? My brothers and sisters, does a fig tree produce olives? Is there a grapevine capable of growing figs? Can salt water give way to freshwater?"

James 3:9-12 (TVB)

**2. ...IT'S DISTORTING THE WAY PEOPLE SEE
ME**

"And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them."

Ephesians 4:29 (TPT)

"Since each of you are part of God's family never complain or grumble about each other so that judgment will not come on you, for the true Judge is near and very ready to appear!"

James 5:9 (TPT)

“Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It’s easy to see a smudge on your neighbor’s face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own.”

Matthew 7:1-3 (MSG)

3. ...IT’S ROBBING ME OF MY ABILITY TO FAITH-THINK

“And if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and he will give it! He won’t see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures but he will overwhelm your failures with his generous grace. Just make sure you ask empowered by confident faith without doubting that you will receive. For the ambivalent person believes one minute and doubts the next. Being undecided makes you become like the rough seas driven and tossed by the wind. You’re up one minute and tossed down the next. When you are half-hearted and wavering it leaves you unstable. Can you really expect to receive anything from the Lord when you’re in that condition?”

James 1:5-8 (TPT)

“And it is impossible to please God without faith.”

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

Psalms 19:14 (NLT)