



## Ten Things We Can Learn About Grumbling /Complaining

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**Grumbling/Complaining** – To express dissatisfaction and a lack of acceptance of God’s will with the people or circumstances in your life. “The Greek word translated ‘complainer’ means literally ‘one who is discontented with his lot in life.’ It is akin to the word grumbler. Complaining is certainly not a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and, in fact, is detrimental to the peace, joy, and patience that come from the Spirit. For the Christian, complaining is destructive and debilitating personally and only serves to make our witness to the world more difficult. Who, for instance, would be attracted to a religion whose adherents are dissatisfied with life and who continually grumble and complain?”<sup>1</sup>

1. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is **resistant** to the conditions of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (John 6:38-47)
2. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is **discontent** with the providence of God in the midst of difficulties. (Numbers 11:1-3)
3. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is **rebellious** against the precepts of God’s Word in some aspect of life. (Psalm 106:23-25)
4. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is **foolish** as one blames God for the consequence of their own rebellion. (Proverbs 19:1-3)
5. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is **ungrateful** towards God. (Numbers 14:11)
6. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is **self-serving** in life. (Jude 1:14-16)
7. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is **self-righteous** towards people. (Luke 5:27-30)
8. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is **judgmental** towards people. (James 4:11-12)

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<sup>1</sup>“What Does the Bible Say about Grumbling and Complaining,” Got Questions, last modified April 26, 2021, <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-complaining.html>.

9. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is envious of others. (Matthew 20:1-16)

10. Grumbling/Complaining may expose that one is annoyed with people in authority when led to and through challenging situations as a result following leadership. (Exodus 16:1-3)

**Summary:** Where God is not the center of one's life, he or she will grumble or complain. Overall, where there is grumbling and complaining there is ingratitude, a lack of trust in God, and a lack of worship of God. In addition, where there is grumbling and complaining, one has cultivated a forgetfulness of the deliverance and faithfulness of God and a rejection of His sovereignty, wisdom and love. What is God exposing about your heart in light of your grumbling and complaining? What will be your next move?