
2 Corinthians 12:15 I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.

Philippians 2:19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

Key: p.1: entitled. p.2: Whiner; Martyr; Cynic. p. 3: Perfectionist. glad;

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The Surprising Virtue of Complaining

Satisfied-part 8

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Complaining

Let's review the core of this series, Satisfied.

Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.

a. **The Ecclesiastes Experience**--Only God can meet our deepest needs. Nothing else we try will do. A deep sense of loneliness, emptiness or discouragement are dashboard lights, telling us our heart is trusting something other than drawing close to Christ and reflecting Him to others.

b. **The Job Experience**--Fear, anger and depression are also dashboard lights but point us to something different--a deep-seated commitment to SELF, to get the "life" we think we need and deserve without having to depend on God. This is the taproot of every sin.

c. **The Hebrew Experience**--Failure and grumbling are dashboard lights that point us to (1) I'm trusting something other than Christ for my deepest needs, and (2) I'm committed to self and the "life" (feelings) I believe I need and which I deserve, without having to depend on God. **The entitled life.**

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- The **Whiner**.

Matthew 20:11-12 They took their money and started **grumbling** against the employer.... “We put up with a whole day’s work in the hot sun—yet you paid them the same as you paid us.”

- The **Martyr**.

Numbers 11:11-15 Moses said to the Lord, “Why pick on me, to give me 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 **Cynic**.

Ecclesiastes 1:2-9 “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 **Perfectionist**.

Prov. 19:13 A nagging wife is like water going drip, drip, drip on a rainy day....

Proverbs 21:19 Better to live out in the desert than with a nagging, complaining wife.

Arguing

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Antidotes to complaining: **glad serving/ blessing**

Philippians 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, (15) **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...**

Philippians 2:17 But **even if I am being poured out** like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, **I am glad** and **rejoice** with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.
