

Welcome to Calvary Chapel of Hilo

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Sunday Morning - 9:00 A.M "STOP THAT GRUMBLING" Phil. 2:14-16

Next Week – Peter Noyes - 1 Peter 3

Wednesday Morning Studies

No Wednesday Studies for Two Weeks

Paul cuts to the chase with a second command that tells the Philippians in no uncertain terms what is crucial to their obedience in working out their own salvation: "Do all things without grumbling or disputing" (v. 14).

'**Grumbling**' (*gongusmos*) refers to the kind of low-tone of voice, behind the scenes talk in which someone secretly derides another, expressing discontent, muttering, and complaining.

'**Questioning**' (*dialogismos*) signifies a tendency to debate and to take sides, often in the form of more open bickering.

Together these represent airing our grievances, in secret or in public, with the result that divisions arise in the community.

The results are far worse than people ever think. This is the primary reason God forbids grumbling in no uncertain terms.

Grumbling...

- hurts
- damages
- divides
- tears down
- downs a person
- says "look at me"
- elevates selfish opinion
- opposes God's will
- hinders progress
- stymies growth
- misleads people
- is self-centered
- pushes people away from Christ and the church

HOW FAR YOU GO IN LIFE depends on your being tender with the young, patient with the old, sympathetic with the striving, tolerant with the weak and the strong, because someday in life you will have been all of these.
George Washington Carver

ONE OF THE MARKS OF MATURITY is the ability to disagree without becoming disagreeable.

Charles R. Swindoll, *The Grace Awakening*

Author and church minister Ed Rowell writes: When I was young, a neighboring family came down with a devastating illness. Several of the children died, and the rest suffered permanent brain damage. What investigators discovered was that the father had found a truckload of discarded seed corn and fed it to the family hogs. The corn (not intended for animal feed) had been treated with something so bugs wouldn't eat it before it germinated. The hogs ate it, seemingly with no ill effects. But when the family hogs became the family breakfast, the family was poisoned. It seems that many substances—pesticides and heavy metals like lead and mercury—do not pass through the digestive system, but remain in the body, always. In tiny doses, the effects are minimal. But over time, the effects are horrible. That's what happens to many of us.... Every day we ingest minute amounts of conflict, anger, bitterness, and disrespect. No big deal, we think. Just blow it off, but we don't. Instead it gets buried in our liver and 20 years later, we go ballistic over some kid skateboarding in the parking lot and wonder, "*Where did that come from?*" Beloved, don't let bitterness, arguing, criticalness, and complaining rot your attitude and enthusiasm with its poison.

SPIRITUAL DEPTH

The well driller found water at 95 feet but insisted he ought to drill deeper because there was not enough water. He found water again at 120 feet. He was not satisfied and wanted to drill deeper. There was plenty of water at 120 feet, but it was not pure enough. He drilled deeper still until he found water that was both abundant and pure. Are our lives too shallow?

SEE: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-3; EPHESIANS 3:16-21;

4:11-15, 22-25, 29-32; PHILIPPIANS 3:13-15;

HEBREWS 5:12-14; JAMES 1:2-4

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