

PHILIPPIANS...PART XII
"Stop complaining"
Reference: **Philippians 2:14-16**
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The basic difference between "complaining" and "disputing" is that complaining is _____ in nature, and "disputing" is more _____.

Definition: Complain means to express _____ and that expression can be verbal or non-verbal

Complaining exists in two basic categories: legitimate and illegitimate complains.
Legitimate complaining is the same as a _____,

Definition: A grievance is applicable to a circumstance or condition that, in the opinion of the one affected, constitutes an injustice or is just grounds for a _____

Definition: Illegitimate complaining is to express dissatisfaction with something that is not necessarily _____

Reference: **James 5:9**, "**Do not grumble** (illegitimate complaining) *against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned...*"

Reference: **I Peter 4:9**, "*Be hospitable to one another without grumbling* (illegitimate complaining)."

Paul mentions three reasons to stop complaining...

ONE... we should do it for _____

verse fifteen, "*that you may become **blameless** and **harmless**, children of God **without fault...***"

The root meaning of the word "**blameless**" is "being without _____."

The word "**harmless**" has the basic meaning of being "_____ and unadulterated."

Then the phrase "*without fault*" means we are to be without legitimate _____ and unable of being convicted of doing something wrong

verse fifteen (cont'd) "*...in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.*"

The adjective crooked is translated from "*skolios*" and "*skolios*" means something that is bent, curved and _____.

TWO... we should do it for _____ - _____

verse fifteen (cont'd), "*...among whom you (Christians) shine as **lights** in the world,*"

verse sixteen, "*holding fast (or forth) the **word of life.***"

There are two basic elements to credible evangelism: character and content.

Character is _____ we _____

Content is _____ we _____

THREE... we should do it for our _____

verse sixteen (cont'd), "*so that I (Paul) **may rejoice** in the day of Christ (i.e. judgment seat of Christ) **that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.***"