

Biblical Warnings against a Complaining Spirit

Instructions: Read the following verses and note what they teach regarding the sin of complaining or what the Bible refers to as “murmuring.” Then write down how you will apply that truth to your life.

Definition: Webster’s defines *murmuring* as, “an indistinct, continuous sound, a mumbled or muttered complaint.” *Complain* means, “to utter displeasure, to find fault.” The Scriptures in this study teach us how God views a complaining spirit and why this sin must be repented of and replaced by godly character.

Scriptures	Teaching What do these verses say about murmuring? How is complaining exemplified? What are the effects of murmuring?	Application How does God expect you to apply this truth, principle, or command to your daily life?
Exodus 17:1-2 Deuteronomy 6:16		
Numbers 11:1		
Numbers 13:31-33; 14:2		
Numbers 11-12, 27-29		
Numbers 14:36-37		
Numbers 21:4-7		
Deuteronomy 9:8, 22		
Psalms 106:24-26		
Proverbs 19:3		

Lamentations 3:38-39		
Isaiah 29:23-24		
1 Corinthians 10:6-11		
Philippians 2:14-15		
Romans 1:21		
Jude 16		
God's Word commands us to "put off" the sins of the old self and "put on" new, godly habits that reflect Christ. What does God want you to "put on" in place of a complaining spirit?		
Psalms 140:13		
Psalms 145:10		
Colossians 3:15		
Philippians 4:11 1 Timothy 6:6-8		
1 Thessalonians 5:18		
Hebrews 13:15-17		