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Philippians 2:14-16

Do All Things

Without Grumbling & Questioning

Part 2

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Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain

Review *Do all things without grumbling or questioning*

Our theology of suffering (trials) and God's sovereignty is vitally important in helping us to obey this verse

God sees “grumbling & questioning” as very serious sins

- **1 Corinthians 10:10-11** *nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction*

Grumbling: a murmuring, an inward displeasure

- An emotional rejection of God's will and providence

Questioning: inward reasoning, doubting

- Questioning is believing we know a better

“Where grumbling is emotionally complaining to God, questioning is intellectually debating with God”-Both of which are an offense to God

Context

The context of “*Do all things without grumbling or questioning*” is sanctification (verses 12-13).

- Most of our sanctification is accomplished in difficult and trying circumstances
- “Isn’t there a better way”, “Too hard”, “Taking too long”, “Not growing fast enough”, “If only I had a better spouse, church”

Three Reasons for NOT grumbling and questioning:

- 1) *V15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God, without blemish*
- 2) *V15 in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life*
- 3) *V16 so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.*

Motivation for not Grumbling/Questioning

V15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God, without blemish

- We are children of God (Doctrine of Adoption John 1:12, Galatians 4:6, Romans 8:14-16)
 - **1 John 3:1** “*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are....v2 Beloved, we are God’s children now*”
 - As children of God, we should be imitators of our Father
 - **Ephesians 5:1** *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.*
 - **Matthew 5:48** *You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*
 - As children of God, we are to stop grumbling/questioning so we can be the kind of children God wants us to be
 - *Blameless and innocent* (Pure and unmixed) *without blemish*
 - **2 Peter 3:14** *Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace*
 - **Luke 1:6** *And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.*

Motivation for not Grumbling/Questioning

*V15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God, without blemish
In the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as
lights in the world, holding fast the word of life*

- **John 17:15-18** *I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.*
- We live in the world (*in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation*)
 - But we must shine as lights in the (dark) world
 - **Ephesians 5:8** *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light*
 - We have awakened to the truth about God (living for His glory, the gospel, His sovereignty, all things working together for good)
 - What does it say about our God when we succumb to the stresses and trials of life with grumbling and questioning just like the lost dying world?
 - How do we transition from grumbling and questioning God, to “Let me tell you about my wonderful God?” You can’t

Motivation for not Grumbling/Questioning

Matthew 5:16 *let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

1 Peter 2:12 *Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation*

- This isn't morality but living obediently from the heart for the glory of our Father
- Is the glory of God to the lost world motivation for you?

*In the midst of a crooked and twisted generation , among whom you shine as lights in the world, **holding fast to the word of life***

- *Holding fast: hold upon or to hold towards, hold forth, to present*
- As we live in the midst of darkness (full of grumbling/questioning towards God) and we shine (without grumbling/questioning) we show the gospel (which is in us) being worked out.
 - We hold forth the power and light of the gospel
 - **1 Thessalonians 1: 5** *our gospel came to you not only in word, **but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.***

Motivation for not Grumbling/Questioning

- 1) That we would be the children God has made us (blameless and innocent without blemish) and so reflect upon our Father
- 2) That we would be a light (testimony) to the crooked and twisted generation, demonstrating the gospel in our lives (living hope)

So that in the day of Christ, I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain

- So that on the day of Christ (when believers give account), Paul will have reason to glory that it wasn't all for nothing
- Paul has an eternal perspective (he is “*storing up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy*” **Matt 6:20**)
- **2 John 4** *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth*

Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.