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Modern western society is by far the most prosperous culture in the history of mankind. ... People have all they need and much of what they want; yet many are seldom satisfied. Consequently, ours is also arguably the most discontented society ever.

- *John MacArthur*

# The Twin Sins



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- *Ps 106:24-25*



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- II. The reasons to stop complaining are real (2:15-16).
  - A. For the sake of the believers (15a)
    1. That we might be blameless
    2. That we might be harmless
    3. That we might be faultless

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  - B. For the sake of the unbelievers (15b-16a)
  - C. For the sake of spiritual leaders (16b)



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Paul's pastoral heart shines through in his deep desire that the Philippians would stop grumbling and complaining so that in the day of Christ he will have reason to glory. He anticipated the day of Christ when he could look back and rejoice in the faithfulness of those beloved brethren. The people he served would be a source of eternal joy.



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Every pastor desires that the reward of his efforts will be full, that the people under his care love and obey the Lord without grumbling or complaining.

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