

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 7-28-13 PM

“BEING A LIFE-GIVER, NOT A LIFE-DRAINER” Selected Passages

Matt. 12:24 (NKJV) “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

John 6:43 (NKJV) “Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves.”

Phil. 2:14-15 (NKJV) "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, " - Philippians 2:14-15 (NKJ)

Deuteronomy 1:26-38

There are four kinds of Negative Talkers:

1. The Alarmist – motivated by fear and exaggerate the risks
2. The Traditionalist – doesn't like change. Motivated by custom and routine.
3. The Defeatist – Always see the problems
4. The Antagonist – fear that they will lose control and will try to stand in your way.

What they did:

1. Murmuring is a Sin Practiced in Secret (v. 26) "You murmured in your tents"
2. Murmuring is a Sin Against God (v.26-27) "But you rebelled against the Lord and you murmured in your tents”
"The Lord hears your murmurings which you make against Him. And what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord." - Exodus 16:18
3. Murmuring Misunderstands God's Purpose (v. 27) "You murmured in your tents, and said, 'Because the Lord hates us, he has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us."
4. Murmuring Reveals a Rebellious Heart (v. 26) "Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God and you murmured"
5. Murmuring Discourages Others (v. 28) "Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, 'The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.'"
6. Murmuring Fails to Recall God's Past Works (v. 29-33) "He will fight for you according to all He did before your eyes, and in the wilderness where you saw the Lord your God carry you as a man carries his son"
7. Murmuring Reveals a Heart of Unbelief (v. 32) "Yet, for all that, you did not believe the Lord your God"

What they need to do:

1. Encouragement is a Commitment (v. 38)

2. Encouragement Makes Others Strong

Deut 1:38 (NIV) “But your assistant, Joshua son of Nun, will enter it. Encourage him, because he will lead Israel to inherit it.”

Deut. 3:28 (NASV) “But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him, for he shall go across at the head of this people, and he will give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.’

2 Sam. 11:25 (ESV) “David said to the messenger, “Thus shall you say to Joab, ‘Do not let this matter displease you, for the sword devours now one and now another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.’ And encourage him.””

Is. 41:7 (NIV) “The craftsman encourages the goldsmith, and he who smoothes with the hammer spurs on him who strikes the anvil. He says of the welding, ‘It is good.’”

2 Chron. 30:22 (NASV) “Then Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good insight *in the things* of the LORD. So they ate for the appointed seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and giving thanks to the LORD God of their fathers.”

2 Chron. 32:6-7 (NASV) “He appointed military officers over the people and gathered them to him in the square at the city gate, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, ‘Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria nor because of all the horde that is with him; for the one with us is greater than the one with him.’”

1 Thes. 5:11-14 (NASV) “Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”

1 Timothy 5:8 (NASV) “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

Proverbs 12:25 (NKJ) “Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.”

2 Thes. 1:3 (NASV) “We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.”

2 Tim. 4:11 (NASV) “Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.”

2 Corinthians 9:2 (NASV) “for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the Macedonians, *namely* that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.”

Proverbs 16:21 (NASV) “The wise in heart will be called understanding, And sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.”

Proverbs 25:20 “*Like* one who takes off a garment on a cold day, *or like* vinegar on soda, Is he who sings songs to a troubled heart.”