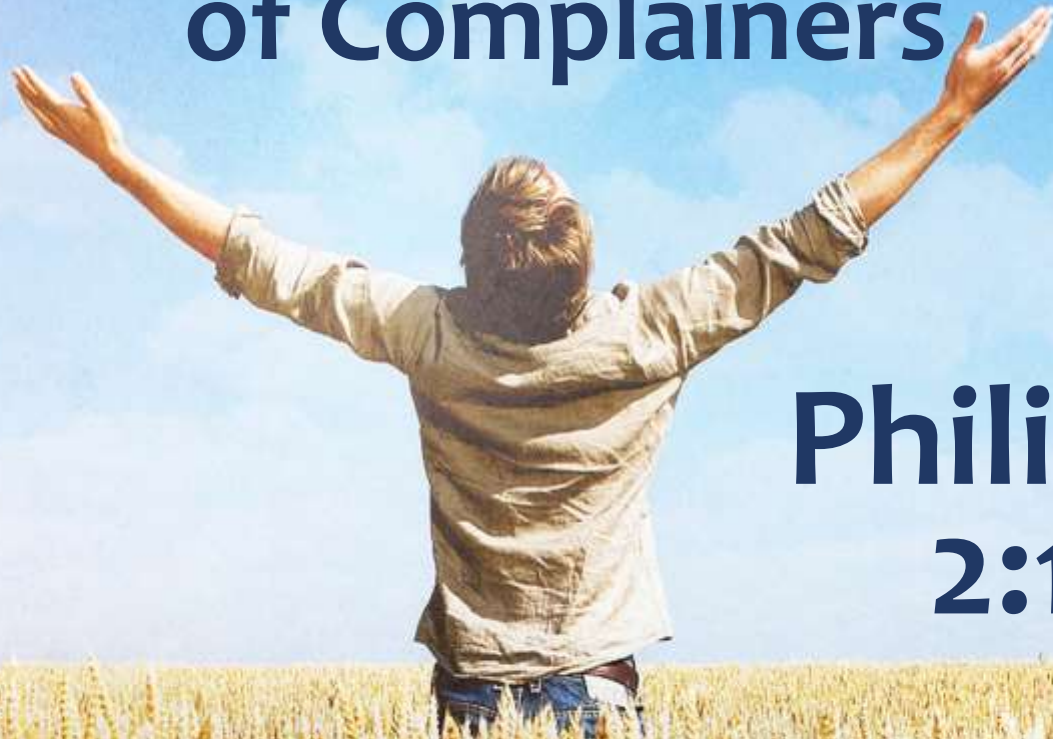


**From Whine to Shine:
Living a Thankful Life in a World
of Complainers**



**Philippians
2:14-18**

1. The Command: Stop complaining and arguing.

**“The early church wasn’t all
romance and righteousness.”**

—John Stott

**“And the whole congregation
of the people of Israel
grumbled against Moses and
Aaron in the wilderness,”
(Exodus 16:2)**

“And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

(Luke 5:30)

“Murmuring is the rising up of oneself against God. It sets oneself against God as if I am wiser than He.”

--Thomas Watson

“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.”

(Isaiah 53:7)

2. The Reasons:

**a. Because you are called
to purity.**



**Your speech reveals your
heart. Complaining is
evidence of drift.**

“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush...

...The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

(Luke 6:43–45)

“As long as a man is alive and out of hell, he cannot have any cause to complain.”

—C. H. Spurgeon

2. The Reasons:

**b. Because unbelievers
need your compelling
witness.**

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**c. Because your spiritual
leaders labor over your
soul.**

“We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,”

(1 Thessalonians 5:12)

2. The Reasons:

d. Because God has given
you a source of eternal
joy.

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

(2 Corinthians 4:17–18)