



FROM GRUMBLING TO GRATEFUL

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Philippians 2:12 – 15
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MESSAGE NOTES

When it comes to one another, you have lots to do and nothing to prove.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 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.
— Philippians 2:12 – 15 (ESV)

One does not need to reconcile friends. — Charles Spurgeon

Grace is not opposed to effort. It is opposed to earning. — Dallas Willard

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? — Micah 6:8 (ESV)

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. — Psalm 2:11 – 12 (ESV)

Fear does not compete with joy; it is part of joy.

1. AVOIDS THE TEMPTATION OF GRUMBLING

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, — Philippians 2:14

Criticism is not a mark of spiritual maturity.

The essence of grumbling and disputing is to not trust the sovereignty of God and the power of the Holy Spirit in someone else's life.

2. CULTIVATES THE TENDENCY OF GRATITUDE

Fear is free, faith takes work. — John Acuff



DISCUSSION

- How do you deal with the tension of God’s sovereignty and our responsibility when it comes to how salvation happens?
- Are you the type of person who enjoys the journey or looks forward to the destination?
- How do you work out your salvation with fear and trembling?
- What are some of the typical temptations that make you want to grumble?
- On Sunday Brett said, “Criticism is not a mark of spiritual maturity.” What does this mean to you?
- How do you, personally, cultivate the tendency of gratitude in your life?
- How do you take every thought captive?
- What does it mean to be born again?