

1 Chronicles 29:1

Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for the LORD God.

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The Lord has called us all to do a work for His glory, not man or man's pleasure. So we should be doing our works for the Lord GOD and not to please man, nor to be seen by man.

I know being on the worship team there have been times I have grumbled and complained, because I didn't like how things were going, or how the worship leader was leading, and so many times how bad I felt that I was doing. But if I am complaining, even about myself, is that truly worship to the Lord? Does the Lord accept my tainted offering of praise that is tainted with my grumbling and complaining? I don't believe He does.

† ***Philippians 2:14-15 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,***

So, what has God called you to do for His Kingdom and Glory?

Think about your pastor. What if we loved his teaching, but every time he was away from the pulpit, he started to grumble about people in the congregation that he didn't like, or even complained about others ministries, like the worship team, or greeters or ushers? And some will complain against the worship team saying they don't like that one song that they did or how it was arranged, or it was too loud or Yet we must remember that worship and the worship team serve the Lord, not man. The songs they sing, and the arrangements are not for your pleasure, but for God's. But if you are grumbling when you sing the song, it would be better to not sing, because you have tainted your worship with grumbling. ***"Do all things without complaining and disputing"***

Maybe you are an usher, or greeter or some other form of service in God's house. Are you saying good morning, then after that person is gone, are you saying bad things about him or her? Is God honored in you saying good morning to that person, or disgraced because you talk about them behind their back? If there is an issue that you have with someone, the bible tells us how to deal with it, and it's not by talking or gossiping or complaining about them to others. Jesus' instructions are.

† ***Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.***

You may read “*if you bring your gift to the altar*” as tithing or giving an offering. Yet it also refers to our service to the Lord in His house, the church, because our service or ministry is also our gift to the Lord, because our gift is not always money.

Jesus also said.

† **Matthew 18:15** *Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.*

So, this week, let’s think about the ministry(s) that the Lord has given each of us to do, and truly examine our hearts and ask ourselves and the Lord. “*Am I doing this with joy, or with grumbling and complaining?*” If we are doing it with joy, then we should keep on keeping on. But if there is grumbling, be it a lot, or even a little. Let’s purge out that leaven that we have allowed to sneak into the ministry that the Lord has given us to do. Let’s repent, confess it to the Lord, and I believe once we do, our ministries will once again flourish for the glory of God.

† **1 Corinthians 5:6-7** *Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

Or maybe you are not serving, because the Lord has not allowed you to, because you spend so much time grumbling about anything and everything or everyone that you are no good for His kingdom. Ask the Lord to show you, and when He does, repent and even reconcile with others if you need to. Once you do, I believe that the Lord will show you what to do for His Kingdom and Glory.

† **Psalms 100:2** *Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.*

† **James 5:9** *Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!*

† **John 17:20-21** *I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.*