

The Hidden Sin in Our Homes, Part 2 | the root

- I. Consistent complaining is not the fruit of someone who has a relationship with God.**
- Philippians 2:12-16; Revelation 21:8; Matthew 5; Matthew 18; Jude 1
 - Like any repetitive and unrepentant sin, consistency in complaining is an indicator of a potential lack of spiritual life.
 - We're not saying that a child who is born again will never complain. We're saying that a consistently whiny and grumbling individual is *acting* like an unsaved person. And — if after numerous confrontations — refuses to humble himself to God's Word, is likely not a born-again believer. The best thing you can do for them at that point is go back to evangelism instead of discipleship.
 - Jesus explains it this way. In Matthew 5 He says that we must know and understand that we are spiritually destitute. That realization should break our hearts — that we would rebel against the all-loving Creator of our souls. That reality should cause true humility in our hearts that recognizes that we cannot save ourselves and that we need God. It is at that point that an unbeliever becomes a believer and the Holy Spirit indwells him — making it possible for him to hunger and thirst after righteousness, live mercifully, pure, peaceful, and joyous lives.
 - And when the believer sins, the Holy Spirit and the body of Christ work to convict the Christian of his sin, and — with same humility and repentance of his new birth — he eventually turns from his sin.
- II. Consistent complaining is the fruit that grows from the root of discontentment.**
- Psalm 106
 - God describes the Jews as having “wanton craving,” being jealous, forgetting God, despising God's gifts, having no faith in His promises, disobedient, and idolatrous.
 - That is fruit of discontentment. If I don't like the way things are and if my opinions and feelings and desires are my highest authority, then I have taken God's job; I've set myself up as the all-powerful authority in my life. If I don't like it, I have the right to want to change it.
- III. Complaining grows from discontentment which grows from a lack of trust.**
- Romans 8:28-29; James 1:2-4; Matthew 5:10-11; Proverbs 3:5; Psalm 112:7; Isaiah 41:10
 - The Jews didn't trust that when God lead them from Egypt, it was a good thing. He was going to care for them and make them into a nation and give them the Promised Land, but they doubted Him. They accused Him of taking them out there to die. They didn't trust that he would provide food or water. When He didn't do things on their time table, He was obviously failing. He clearly didn't know what He was talking about when He told them to go in and take the land.
 - Of course, even though He proved Himself faithful and forgiving time and time and time and time again, they refused to trust Him.
 - If you can't trust someone, you're always going to be discontent with what they do. And when you're discontent, you're going to complain.
 - This is the real hidden sin in your home.
 - Complaining is not okay. It's not okay because it's the fruit of discontentment. And discontentment is an affront to the almighty, all-holy, all-loving God of the universe because it's a refusal to trust Him.