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## **“Aim to Please” (5)**

*“...we make it our aim to please him.” (2 Corinthians 5:9)*

### **Aiming to Please? Do the Opposite of These** ↓

**1 Corinthians 10:1-10, 12** – (1) “I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, (2) and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, (3) and all ate the same spiritual food, (4) and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. (5) **Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased**, for they were ***overthrown*** (katastrōnnymi) in the wilderness. (6) Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. (7) Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.’ (8) We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. (9) We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, (10) **nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer**. (12) Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”

### **Get Ready to Grumble**

**Exodus 15:20-24** – (20) “Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. (21) And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.’ (22) Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. (23) When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. (24) **And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, ‘What shall we drink?’**”

**Numbers 14:26-30** – (26) “And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, (27) ‘**How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me.** (28) Say to them, ‘As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: (29) your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, **who have grumbled against me,** (30) not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.’”

<b>Key Point: Serial Grumbling Strangles Destiny</b>
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## **Response:**

### **(1) Consider Christ**

“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) If you’ve got nothing nice to say, you can still Praise God**

“I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” (Psalm 34:1)

### **(3) Minimize Muttering**

“A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.” (Proverbs 29:11)

### **(4) Shut up & Mind Your Own Business**

“...aspire to live quietly and to mind your own affairs...” (1 Thessalonians 4:11)

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

The greater the number of words, the greater the chance for what?

(Proverbs 10:19)

What do grumblers do to the church? (Jude 16-19)