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**DO ALL THINGS  
WITHOUT GRUMBLING  
OR DISPUTING**

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# Philippians 2:14-18

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“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 2:14-18

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holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice

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with you all. Likewise you also  
should be glad and rejoice with  
me.”

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# Do All Things Without Grumbling or Disputing

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# I. What Is Grumbling An Disputing?



“The moment we love the ideal of the church more than the actual church, is the moment we destroy the actual church.”

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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# II. Why Is This So Important To Paul? What Is At Stake?

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1. The exhortation is to  
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“...Children of God”

~ Philippians 2:15

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- 1. The exhortation is to children of God.**
- 2. The exhortation is all-inclusive.**

“Do *all* things without  
grumbling or disputing...”

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“We are prone to think that we are entitled to a little grouchiness. Even more, we can convince ourselves that a critical spirit is a virtue. We have probably all met

~ R. Kent Hughes  
*Philippians*, pg. 103

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someone who claimed to have  
the gift of criticism. “After all,  
someone needs the courage  
to say what I *know* everyone  
is thinking.”

~ R. Kent Hughes  
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“For every kind of beast and bird,  
of reptile and sea creature, can  
be tamed and has been tamed  
by mankind, but no human being  
can tame the tongue. It is a  
restless evil, full of deadly  
poison.”

~ James 3:7

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“If we don’t pay attention, we’ll weaken the reality that the church is actually a group of people meant to represent the image of Christ.”

~ Matt Chandler

*To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain*, pg. 83

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**3. The exhortation is to outward actions and inward thoughts.**

“...that you may be  
*blameless and innocent...*”

~ Philippians 2:15

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“You have heard that it was said,  
‘You shall not commit  
adultery.’ But I say to you that  
everyone who looks at a woman  
with lustful intent has already  
committed adultery with her in  
his heart.”

~ Matthew 5:27-28

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**4. The exhortation is to  
set an example.**

“...without blemish in the  
midst of a crooked and  
twisted generation, among  
whom you shine as lights  
in the world...”

~ Philippians 2:15

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“And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and *those who turn many to righteousness*, like the stars forever and ever.”

~ Daniel 12:3

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**4. The exhortation is to set an example.**

**5. The exhortation is a hope for service and sacrifice to matter.**

“...so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.”

~ Philippians 2:16-17

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**6. The exhortation is to herald a joy rooted in Christ.**

“Likewise you also should  
be glad and rejoice with  
me.”

~ Philippians 2:18

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*“The words of the reckless  
pierce like swords, but the  
tongue of the wise brings  
healing.”*

~ Proverbs 12:18

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*“Let your conversation be  
always full of grace.”*

~ Colossians 4:6

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