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SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 2:14 – 18



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Philippians 2:3

“Do everything without grumbling or disputing, in order that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and twisted generation, in which you **shine like lights in the world** as you hold to the word of life.”

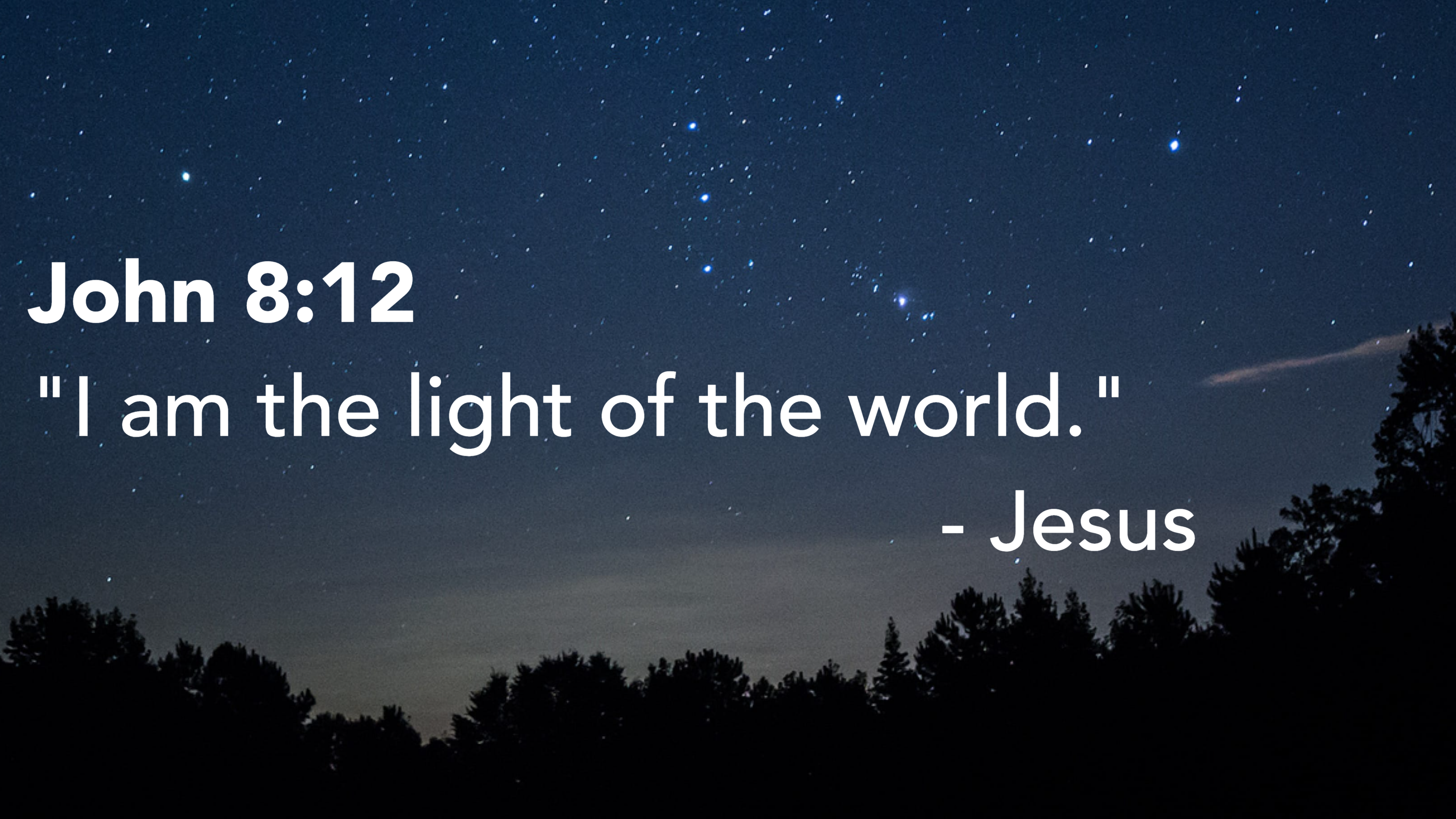
**You were united
with Christ to
shine like lights in
the world**

**"We're like shining stars,
blameless, pure, children of
God without defect..."**

Religious:
Impertinent
Self-righteousness



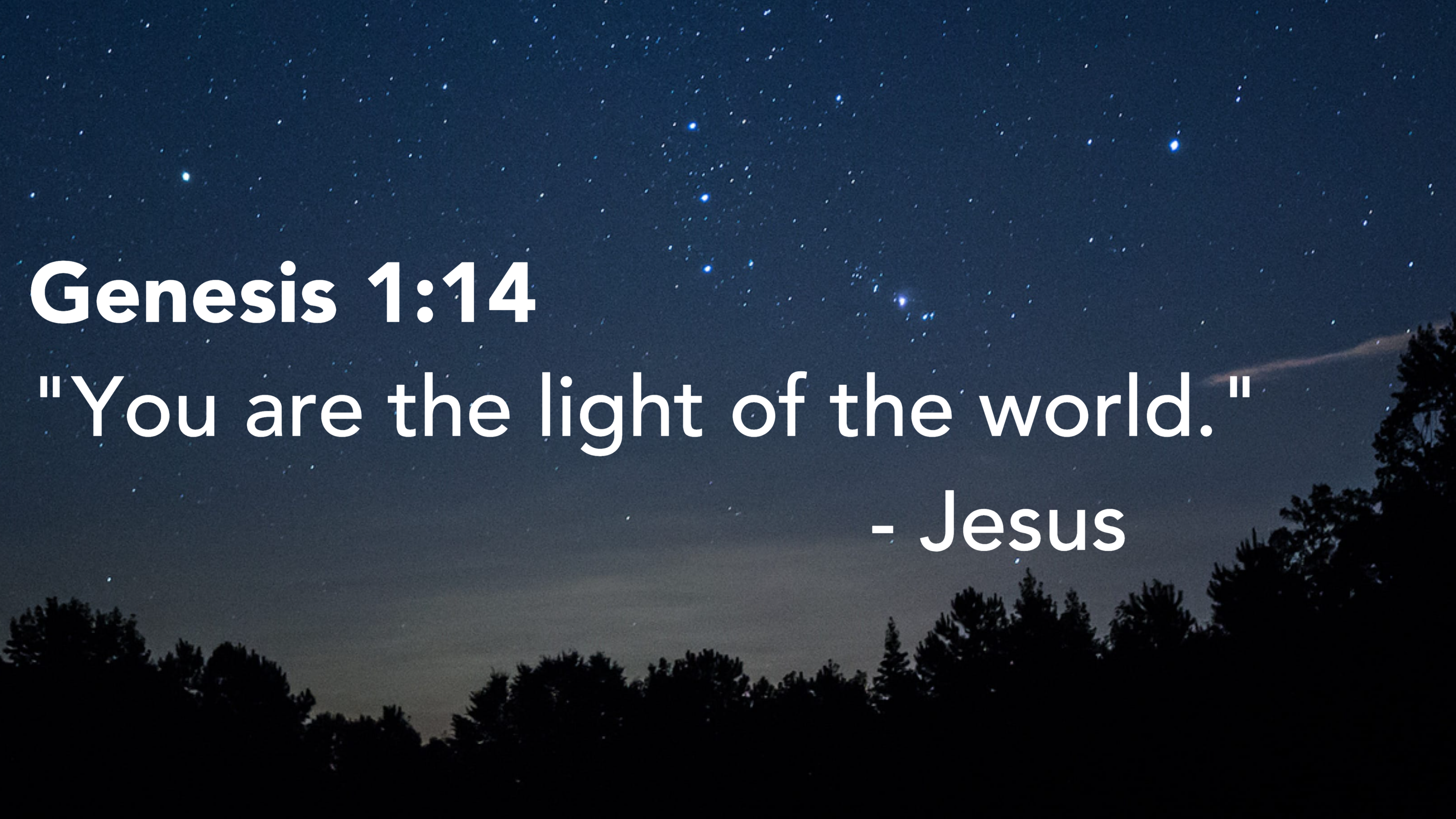
Irreligious:
Delusional
Self-righteousness



John 8:12

"I am the light of the world."

- Jesus



Genesis 1:14

"You are the light of the world."

- Jesus

Genesis 1:14

"Let there be **lights in the realm of the sky** to distinguish day from night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years."

Daniel 12:3

"[the] wise will shine like lights in the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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with Christ to
shine like lights in
the world**

**Be: without defect among the
crooked and twisted**

Become: blameless and pure

**By: rejecting grumbling and
disputing**

**1. Be children without defect
among the crooked and twisted**



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"...that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and twisted generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold to the word of life."

2. Pursue blamelessness and purity



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Blameless and Pure

Unconsciousness and untouched hands?



**Blame
(worthy)**

Defect in power

Opposite of acting justly

Titus 1:6 & 7

Impure

Defect in goodness

Opposite of righteousness

Philippians 2:3

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Unattainable?





You'd like to think that, wouldn't you?

Deuteronomy 30:11 – 12

Now what I am commanding you today **is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach**. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?"



3. Reject grumbling and complaining

'Venting is important. You should share your thoughts. It's bad to keep negative thoughts cooped up inside.'

Get it?



Fun Fact: a chicken poo/egg exit is called a "vent"

"Venting" doesn't make you feel better because you "got it out", the complaint sticks with you more because you rehearsed the grievance.

How To Cure A Prolapsed Chicken Vent





James 3:5 – 14

**Can both fresh water and
salt water flow from the**

same spring? My brothers, can a
fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear
figs? Neither can a salt spring produce
fresh water.



Luke 6:45

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.
For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

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Grumbling:

Complaining that demonstrates discontent, victimization, rejection of responsibility, and impuning of "whoever is in charge here"

Opposite of thankfulness, worship, peace

Disputing (Pej. lit. 'reasonings')

Exerting inflexible and argumentative opinions and reasoning.

Romans 1:21, 14:1; 1 Corinthians 3:20;
James 2:4

1 Timothy 2:8

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or **quarreling**.

Grumbling and Complaining

Speech that **blames** rather than reckons with **blame**. Promotes **contamination** instead of seeking **purity**. Shifting **responsibility** rather than taking it.

Grumbling and Complaining

1. Is a defect that is blameworthy and impure, inhibiting spiritual light
2. Harms your mood, mind, and integrity
3. Harms other's moods, minds, & integrity
4. Leads to discord (3rd party effect)
5. Bad decisions and refusing advise
6. Inhibits pleasure in doing the good
7. Miss early signs of sin

Specific action:

1. Recognition and responsibility
2. Pre-decision: reject G&D
3. Repent explicitly and humbly
4. Use frustration for self-consideration
5. Take wholesome pleasure in doing good
6. Reject retaliatory self-indulgence



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