



**“Murmuring”**  
The Destructiveness of Negativity  
James 5:9

Complaining is :

**I. Habitual** – “Grudge not (*Stop Complaining*)”

*Our murmuring is :*

**A. Witnessed** – “ *one against another* “

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**B. Willful** – “ *Grudge not* “

**C. Worrisome** – “*ye be condemned*”

**II. Hurtful** - “ *against another ; lest you be judged* ”

*Our murmuring harms :*

**A. Others** – “ *one against another* “

Directed at those who are closest/helpful...Even  
Jesus was murmured against John 7:12

**B. Ourselves** – “*lest ye be condemned* “

What Goes around comes around – (James 2:13)

**C. Outsiders** – “*the judge stands before the door*”

**III. Honorless-** “*the judge standeth at the door*”

*Our murmuring fails to recognize the Lord’s :*

**A. Presence** – “ *Behold...at the door* “

**B. Position** – “ *the Judge* “

**C. Performance** – “*stands before the door*”

Presence – Behold... at the door

**Sentence Sermon:**

❖ *Harvesting Precious Fruit requires Patient Endurance.*

**Verses on Complaining**

**James 2:12-13**

**James 3:9-10**

**James 4:11-12**

**Matthew 7:1-5**

**Philippians 2:14-15**

**Romans 14:10-13**

**I Corinthians 3:10-15**

**II Corinthians 5:8-10**

**II John 1:8**

**Numbers 11:1**

**Numbers 21:5-7**

**It is like the stages of grief ...Because we suffer a loss...we want to blame someone...**

**Impatience with people often begins with impatience with God**

The themes of God's will, Proper Speech, and dealing with difficulty are front and center.

### **Different Versions**

#### **King James Version**

*Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold the judge stands before the door.*

#### **The New Life translation:**

*Do not complain about each other, Christian brothers. Then you will not be judged. See! The judge is standing at the door.*

#### **NIV**

*Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door.*

#### **God's Word Translation**

*Brothers and sisters, stop complaining about each other, or you will be condemned. Realize that the judge is standing at the door.*

### **EXEGESIS**

- Grudge = "stenazete"- groaning, muttering, grumbling or whining. Word order literally "stop whining" **Contrast this with verse 7 – "be patient"**
- Not = "mey" – to calls for a discontinuing or to Quit doing what you are doing...don't let this become a habit.
- One against another =
- Brethren = brothers and sisters (word order for this verse is Don't Whine brothers and sisters ...against one another.
- Behold = to see something right in front of you.
- Lest = in order that ...not
- Ye be condemned = severe censure
- Behold = Look at the reality right in front of you.
- The judge = the one whose job is to judge
- Stands = (intensive perfect) Jesus continually stands ready to carry out judgment...his return is imminent.
- Before the door = behind the door, we can not see Him but just as anyone standing on the other side of a door...He is still there and will soon enter.

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- **Verses on Overcoming Oppression**

- **John 16:33**
- **Titus 2:13**
- **Galatians 6:9**
- **Mark 4:28-29**
- **Romans 1:11**
- **I Thessalonians 3:10-13**
- **Luke 12:43**
- **Romans 2:7; 5:3-4; 8:24-25**
- **I Timothy 4:16**
- **Hebrews 10:36; 12:1**
- **James 1:2-4, 12**
- **II Peter 1:5-9**

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