

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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# Stop Complaining!

**PHILIPPIANS 2:14-15 NKJV – (14)** Do all things without complaining and disputing, **(15)** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

As I stood at the clock preparing to clock in at my job, I noticed three people discussing Easter Sunday yet to come that weekend. One mentioned the importance of getting a new outfit and not getting off on time to make it to the mall. Another shared that their church had a service at 4:00 p.m., complaining that the time was too late to be having a service. Even though the service would be for an hour, it was still too long. Just another complaint I heard.

I thought about the fact that Jesus was accused, spit on, punched, kicked, whipped, stabbed, mocked and nailed to a cross! But it never stopped Him from fulfilling His purpose for you and me. Yet we complain and we complain about the smallest issues.

Being discontent and selfish, complaining and whining and therefore, brings on a cloak of condemnation. Another product of these actions is division among God's people, for that is what the complainer strives for – forcing sympathy to their point of view and aggressiveness / anger directed at the other point of view. The book of Proverbs tells us that one of the seven things God hates is "one who sows discord among brethren" (**PROVERBS 6:19**).

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

If you find yourself about to complain, think of your many blessings and rejoice! Do not give the devil a ride. Kick his attitude and complaining spirit out of your blessed zone. Don't give the devil **ANYTHING!**