



**LORD, CHANGE
MY ATTITUDE**

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

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Five Wilderness Attitudes

1. replace a Complaining attitude ...
2. ... with a Thankful attitude
3. replace a Covetous attitude ...
4. ... with an attitude of Contentment
5. replace a Critical attitude ...
6. ... with an attitude of Love
7. replace a Doubting attitude ...
8. ... with an attitude of Faith
9. replace a Rebellious attitude ...
10. ... with an attitude of Submission

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Say it in a sentence:

Complaining is an attitude
if left unchecked
will wither my capacity
to experience joy and genuine
thankfulness

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definition of Attitude

- Attitudes are patterns of thinking, formed over a long period of time
 - Takes time to change attitude
- We choose our attitudes
 - the ball video

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We choose our attitudes

- Blaming others for our attitudes
- Unless we take responsibility for our choice, we cannot change
- Num 13:25 – 33
 - 12 spies
 - 10 chose self, doubt, bad attitude ⇒ spend life in the wilderness
 - 2 chose God, faith, a good attitude ⇒ get to enter promised land

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Define complaining

- Complaining is expressing resentment over circumstance which is not wrong; and
- which I am not doing anything to correct.
- It is not complaining if:
 - It is a wrong – eg crime, error
 - Doing something about it
- Expressed or otherwise
 - even non-verbal (eg thinking) because God sees our heart

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The truth about complaining

- Satisfy our sinful nature
- Complaining is sin
- Sin means missing the mark
- Who am I hurting when I complain?
 - a. ourselves
 - b. God
 - c. people around us

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God hears our complaining

- Num 11:1 ... in the hearing of the LORD
- Not the first time:
 - Exodus 14:21, 15:24, 16:3, 17:3
 - .. and the people complained
- Complaining involves circumstances
- Criticizing involves people

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God hates complaining

- God does not want to hear His children complaining about their lot in life
 - My circumstance, my life, I wish, why can't I,...
 - Some are due to our choices
 - Some are what God allows
 - When we complain, we basically tell God He is not enough for me
 - When we get hung up on that ONE thing that hasn't happen, we miss the countless blessings we have already received

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Discipline of the Lord

- God is not lacking compassion of our adversity
- Heb 12:5 – 8
- All his children are getting it. If you are not getting some, check if you are still his children
- You get better or get bitter

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Summary

- Complaining is sin
- God hears our complaining
- God hates our complaining

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Replacement principle

- not just stop a complaining attitude
- but replace it with an attitude of thankfulness
- Mat 12:43-45

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