

# The Squeaky Wheel Syndrome

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Whining, complaining, protesting, temper tantrums, safe spaces: this nation has become infected with the squeaky wheel syndrome. The familiar idiom, “The squeaky wheel gets the grease,” means that the person who complains or protests the loudest attracts attention and service. This is a way people have of getting their way, and gaining control over others. It is very similar to the way that a spoiled brat attempts to control his parents by whining, crying, throwing temper tantrums, and other childish behavior.

These squeaky wheels feel that their “special needs,” whether real or imagined, are far more important than anyone else’s. In other words, they are selfish and self-centered. As you would expect, squeaky wheels are a generally unhappy lot. Even when they get their way in one thing, it usually isn’t long before they find something else to complain and whine about. This type of behavior is a natural tendency of human nature, but we are supposed to overcome our human nature if we desire to be in the Kingdom of God.

The meaning of the word complain is: “1: to express grief, pain, or discontent 2: to make a formal accusation.” Some synonyms are: beef, bellyache, crab, gripe, grumble, murmur, squawk, wail, and whine. This is the type of behavior the children of Israel displayed in the wilderness, and God said to them, “Your carcasses shall fall in the wilderness...from twenty years old and upward, which have **murmured** [3885, *to complain, to be obstinate*] against Me, doubtless you shall not come into the land...” (Numbers 14:29, 30).

What we have been discussing here is the leftist mind, which is the mind of Satan. The leftist way of thinking is not to solve problems, but rather to create problems. They prefer to tear down and destroy rather than to build up. This leftist ideology can be seen in the woman’s rights movement that has been a major factor in the destruction of the family. The leftist abortion rights movement is all about the destruction of human life. The leftist hippy counterculture movement of the 1960’s promoted a lifestyle of degeneracy, and it is still alive and sick today as it continues its destruction of society with its degenerate ideology. There are many other destructive leftist movements.

What does God have to say about the leftist mind? “A wise man’s heart is at his **right hand**; but a fool’s heart at his **left**” (Ecclesiastes 10:2). The heart symbolizes the mind of man. “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...” (Proverbs 23:7). “...[T]he heart of fools proclaims **foolishness**” (Proverbs 12:23). The leftist mind is a sick mind, because it is full of foolishness. What **we choose to do with our minds** will determine the kind of people we will be, and whether or not we will be in the Kingdom of God.

Notice the mindset of those who will be in the Kingdom of God. “Blessed are the **meek** [4239, *a gentle disposition, the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest*]: for they shall inherit the

earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful [1655, *compassionate*]: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart [2588, fig. *the mind*]: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers [1518, *one who cultivates peace and concord*]: for they shall be called the children of God” (Mathew 5:5-9).

Did you notice that it did not say, “Blessed are the complainers, for they shall be called the children of God”? The complainer does not sow peace. He sows discord. Those who are complainers are actually under a curse. God is not going to allow whiners and complainers in His Kingdom. Think about that. There will not be a single complainer in the Kingdom of God, because it will be a kingdom of peace.

The antonym for complain is rejoice. “**Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice.** Let your moderation [1933, *reasonable, gentle, mildness*] be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful [3309, *anxious*] for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God. And the peace [1515, *tranquility, concord*] of God which passes all understanding, **shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus**” (Philippians 4:4-7).

A person who rejoices in the Eternal and who expresses thanksgiving is not going to be a squeaky wheel. We must learn to substitute good things for the evil things that are naturally in our human nature. It is called overcoming. We are a product of our own thought processes. “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45).

We must battle against the forces of evil that are at work in our own mind. “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome [3528, *to conquer, vanquish, subdue, prevail*] **evil with good**” (Romans 12:21). We must replace a negative mindset with those things which are positive, i.e. from God. “If then you be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection [5426, *mind*] **on things above, not on things on the earth**” (Colossians 3:1, 2).

The antidote for the squeaky wheel syndrome is, “A merry [8056, *joyful*] heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit **dries** the bones” (Proverbs 17:22). Bone marrow produces billions of blood cells per day, as well as producing lymphocytes that support the body’s immune system. Dry bones indicate a body that is spiritually anemic and sick. This can carry over into physical health, as well. It has been well documented that the state of mind plays a big role in physical health.

“All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart has a continual feast. **Better is little with the fear of the LORD** than great treasure and trouble therewith. Better is a dinner of herbs **where love is**, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith” (Proverbs 15:15-17). All too often

we focus on physical things, which do not satisfy. Instead we should be thanking God that we are a new creation through Jesus Christ, and we have an awesome future awaiting us.

One of the symbols of God's spirit is oil, which is a lubricant. Squeaky wheels need to be lubricated. "For they that are after the flesh do mind [5426, *to think*] the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace [1515, *tranquility, concord*]" (Romans 8:5, 6).

In order for God's spirit to work within us we must humble ourselves. "...God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:6, 7). The leftist mind is carnal, and self-seeking, which is the mind of Satan. If we humble ourselves and seek God's will, then we can "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify **your hearts, you double-minded** [1374, *vacillating*]" (v. 8).

The double-minded man does not fully submit himself to God, because he cannot let go of the world. "You adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (v. 4). Adultery, as used here, is referring to idolatry, which is to walk in the way of the world, i.e. in the way of pride, rather than in humility.

The spiritual mind is not all about self. "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3, 4).<sup>1</sup>

At the judgment Jesus shall "...gather all nations [1484, *people*]: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides His sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His **right hand**, but the goats on the **left**. Then shall the king say to them on His **right hand**, Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world....Then He shall say also to them on the **left hand**, Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:32-34, 41).

We may be able to deceive man, but we cannot deceive God, and He is our judge. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged-sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**" (Hebrews 4:12).

The conclusion of the matter is this: "Let **us** draw near with a **true** [228, *unfeigned, trustworthy*] **heart** in full assurance of faith, having our **hearts sprinkled** [4472, *purified*] **from an evil**

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**conscience**, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without **wavering**; (for he is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another **to provoke one another to love and to good works: not forsaking** [1459, *to leave behind, abandon*] **the assembling of ourselves together** [1997, *gathered together or assembled*], as the manner of some is; but **exhorting** [3870, *to call for, invite to come, admonish, persuade*] one another: and so much the more as you see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the **knowledge of the truth**, there remains no more sacrifice for sins” (Hebrews 10:22-26).

Do we want to be on Christ’s left hand or on His right hand? The choice is ours.