



Balk, Squawk, and Trash Talk  
*James 5:9*

Do not grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The JUDGE is standing at the door! (*James 5:9*)



When your flesh and bones are full of aches and pains, it is as natural to fuss and murmur as for a horse to shake his head when teased by flies. Yes, it is natural. But nature should not be the rule with Christians, or what is religion worth? C.H. Spurgeon

**PATIENCE** ... product of **faith** and expression of **mercy**

- When patience fills your heart [trust God, love people] impatience will not escape your lips.
- When we are content to trust God, we do not need to mutter/moan about all the stuff going wrong.

**MINIMIZE** complaining  
... monitor/change talk

When disputing is necessary, express it in the most **positive** way **possible**.

God is specifically concerned with  
our **attitude** toward **people**.



**VISUALIZE** the Judge ... merciful  
or harsh based on your history

God's assessment of my life **begins**  
with my treatment of others

Masters, be just and fair to your  
slaves, because you know that you  
also have a Master in heaven.

*(Colossians 4:1)*

In some part, God's future "judgement" will simply **amplify** my past track record. God's judgement will not change my character but rather chastise/reward the character of my heart.