

**MESSAGE 1: ABOLISH POUTING Psalms 37:1-2**

**Launching Text:** Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt (foul, vulgar, hateful, spiteful, demeaning, negative, useless or worthless) communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**Preaching Text:** Psalms 37:1-2 Fret not thyself (or don't pout) because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. (KJV)

(Message Translation) Don't bother your head with braggarts (or don't pout) or wish you could succeed like the wicked. In no time they'll shrivel like grass clippings and wilt like cut flowers in the sun.

**Introduction:** In this series we will examine 5 great keys to Christian living. God wants us to know how to live under His requirements to have a fulfilled, satisfied, joyful and abundant life. In this series we will look at ways to accomplish this type of living. In this first message we will examine "Abolish Pouting". Pouting leads to doubting and when we doubt, we will go without.

**1. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR COMPREHENSION**

(Why?)

Hosea 4:6 God teaches us that His people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.....HOWEVER,

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him.

2-Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

**2. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR CALLING**

(Why?) You may not be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher, but you are important to the body of Christ! Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

1-Corinthians 12:18-26 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. <sup>19</sup> And if they were all one member, where were the body? <sup>20</sup> But now are they many members, yet but one body. <sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. <sup>22</sup> Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: <sup>23</sup> And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. <sup>24</sup> For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked. <sup>25</sup> That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. <sup>26</sup> And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.

**3. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR CARE**

(Why?)

1-Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him; for He (God) cares for you.

Psalms 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

**4. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR COFFERS**

(Why?)

Deuteronomy 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

2-Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**5. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR CARNAGE**

(Why?)

Psalms 23:3 He (God) restores my soul: He leads me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake.

Joel 2:25-27 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. <sup>26</sup> And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. <sup>27</sup> And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

**6. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR CAMARADERIE**

(Why?)

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Luke 6:22-23 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

**7. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE**

(Why?)

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things (that we encounter in life)? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

2-Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the savor (or fragrant realization) of his knowledge by us in every place.

**8. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR CORRECTION**

(Why?)

Hebrews 12:6-7 For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chastens not?

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

**9. DON'T POUT ABOUT YOUR CAPABILITY**

(Why?)

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.....

Isaiah 40:29 He (the Lord) gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increases strength.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Matthew 19:26 ....with God all things are possible.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him (the man of the lunatic son and to us), If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believes.

**CONCLUSION:** We have no reason or authority to pout about anything that we face in life and if we choose to pout, it will cut off God's blessings to us. If we pout, we will go without.

Make the choice now---

Repent of past failures and make the following confession and mean it.

I will confront what I face in life with God and with a good attitude for then God will make sure that I have the victory.