**SHINE - don’t WHINE**

Sun, July 8, 2018 AM

Philippians 2:14-18

After some introduction - read 1:12-13, v20….

**Read v14-18**

1. CHRISTIANS - SHINE NOT WHINE (v14-16)

A - Rick Warren suggests 4 types of complainers

1. THE *"WHINER"*
2. THE *"MARTYR"*
3. THE "*CYNIC"*

4. THE *"PERFECTIONIST"*

B – The effects of complaining/grumbling

 1 – ERODES *confidence* in the SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

 2 – Complaining and arguing are contrary to Jesus’

 3 – Complaining and whining *REPEL* instead of DRAW people

SHINE OR WHINE – it’s YOUR CHOICE -

C – Effects of NOT WHINING

1 – Blameless (v14-15)

2 – Pure

3 – FAULTLESS in a LOST world

 “Believers are straight models for crooked lives”

2 – HOLD OUT the MESSAGE OF LIFE FOR OTHERS NEEDING HOPE (v16)

3 – REJOICE (v16b-18)

INVITATION & APPLICATION:

Proverbs 28:13 "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." (Living Bible)

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."