

“Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”” Luke 17:11–13 (NIV)

3 WAYS TO WRITE HESITATION OUT OF OUR STORY

1. NEVER RESIST A GENEROUS IMPULSE

“When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.”” Luke 17:14a (NIV)

1. Pay attention to what’s going on around you
2. Put in your mind God’s promises to generous people

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (NIV)

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9–10 (NIV)

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.” Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)

“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

“Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.” Proverbs 28:27 (NIV)

“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.” Proverbs 11:24 (ESV)

“The stingy are eager to get rich and are unaware that poverty awaits them.” Proverbs 28:22 (NIV)

3. Plan in advance how you are going to respond when the need comes

Malachi 3:10–11 (NIV)

2. NEVER HESITATE WHEN TAKING YOUR NEXT STEP WITH GOD

“And as they went, they were cleansed.” Luke 17:14 (NIV)

“Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”” Acts 26:28 (NKJV)

3. NEVER MISS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW GRATITUDE

*“One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? **Where are the other nine?** Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”” Luke 17:15–18 (NIV)*

*“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”
–William Arthur Ward*

What Complaining Does:

1. It rewires your brain
2. You literally become like those you hang with
3. Negativity increases STRESS, which will kill you

“Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”” Luke 17:19 (NIV)

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

“Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.” Philippians 2:14–15 (NLT)