

# No Grumbling Allowed

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I Peter 4:8-11

## Does this sound like anyone you know?

*Have someone make yellow signs with black frame and letters, much like the caution sign you see on roadways, that say NO GRUMBLING ALLOWED. Place at all entries to the sanctuary.*

**Voice 1:** What's the meaning of those signs at the door—No Grumbling Allowed? I'm here, aren't I?

**Voice 2:** So we are! The pastor will be talking to us about our willingness to use the gifts God has given us, here, in this place.

**Voice 1:** I hope he doesn't get too personal. I don't have a lot of free time to be involved at church.

**Voice 2:** Well, our scripture talks about letting God's love overflow through us, especially, right here with each other, so the world will see there's a place they can be loved.

**Voice 1:** Oh, I don't know about you, but that sounds like a lot of work, and I'm already tired as it is.

**Voice 2:** But the best part about it is that God gives us the strength—we love and serve each other and gain strength in so doing.

**Voice 1:** Like I said, I'm here. Let's get on with it—I've got big plans for the afternoon. There's never enough time just for me!

**Voice 3:** *(Voice heard, not seen)* What about you? You came through the same door. NO GRUMBLING ALLOWED! What will your answer be?

*A sermon on I Peter 4;8-11 could be developed to go with this dramatic moment.*

