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Numbers 12:9-16 NIV

9 The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

10 When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam's skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, 11 and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. 12 Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away."

13 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "Please, God, heal her!"

14 The LORD replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." 15 So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

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Matthew 5:13-16 NIV

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



Numbers 10:11-13 NIV

11 On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle of the covenant law. 12 Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran. 13 They set out, this first time, at the LORD's command through Moses.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16;

Numbers 12:1-16



Numbers 11:4-6 NIV

4 The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost— also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. 6 But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

Previous Scripture: Numbers 10:11-13;

Matthew 5:13-16; Numbers 12:1-16



Exodus 16:6-8 NIV

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” 8 Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”



Exodus 17:1-4 NIV

1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?” 3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” 4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

Previous Scripture: Exodus 16:6-8;

Numbers 11:4-6; Numbers 10:11-13



I. We Use Excuses For Bad Behavior



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Exodus 2:21 NIV

Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.



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Exodus 34:11, 16 NIV

11 Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

16 And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.

Previous Scripture: Exodus 2:21;

Numbers 12:1; Exodus 17:1-4



II. We Speak From the Heart



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Previous Scripture: Exodus 34:11, 16;

Exodus 2:21; Numbers 12:1



II. We Speak From the Heart Luke 6:45 NIV



A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.



II. We Speak From the Heart



Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



II. We Speak From the Heart James 4:6, 10 NIV



6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Previous Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23;

Luke 6:45; Numbers 12:2-8



II. We Speak From the Heart James 3:8-9 NIV



8 but no human being can tame the tongue.
It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and
Father, and with it we curse human beings,
who have been made in God's likeness.



III. We Pay For Our Disobedience

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III. We Pay For Our Disobedience Romans 12:19 NIV



Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.



III. We Pay For Our Disobedience Leviticus 13:45 NIV

“Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’”



III. We Pay For Our Disobedience

Galatians 3:26-28 NIV

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Previous Scripture: Leviticus 13:45;

Romans 12:19; Numbers 12:9-16