

Leadership Principles from Numbers

Complainers (Engage Others)

As a leader (parent, group leader, person to whom others listen), there will be times when people complain to you or about you ([Mark 3:20-21](#)). Think of times when you've had to endure complaining. Notice what Moses does for the complainers in [Numbers 11:2](#). What could you do to remember to respond as Moses did?

Responding to Criticism (Demonstrate Core Values)

One of the most difficult things to handle as a leader is when those closest to you complain to you. God takes complaints about leaders seriously because no one becomes a leader without His permission ([1Sam 8:7](#)). It is not easy; however, we should expect criticism ([Ecc 7:21-22](#)) and handle it as God desires. Read [Romans 8:33-34](#) and [Matthew 5:44](#). What do these passages suggest we do to handle criticism against us.

Eyes on Jesus (Demonstrate Core Values)

Your goal as a leader is to lead others to Jesus. This is easier if you keep your own eyes on Him ([John 3:14-16](#)). When you take your eyes off Christ, you become an easier target for Satan's temptations and torments ([Num 21:8](#)). Think of ways to remind yourself when your eyes wander that you need to return your focus to Our Savior.