

THE REMEDY

for taking God for granted

PSALM 103 - STEVE WALKER



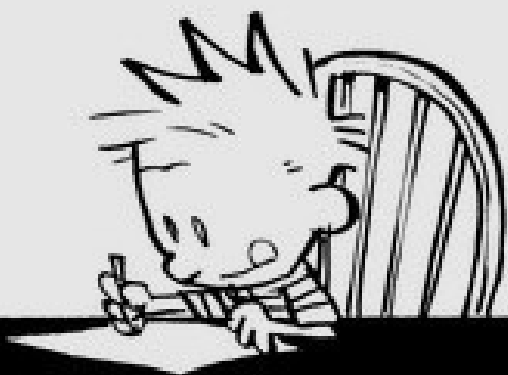
Calvin and Hobbes

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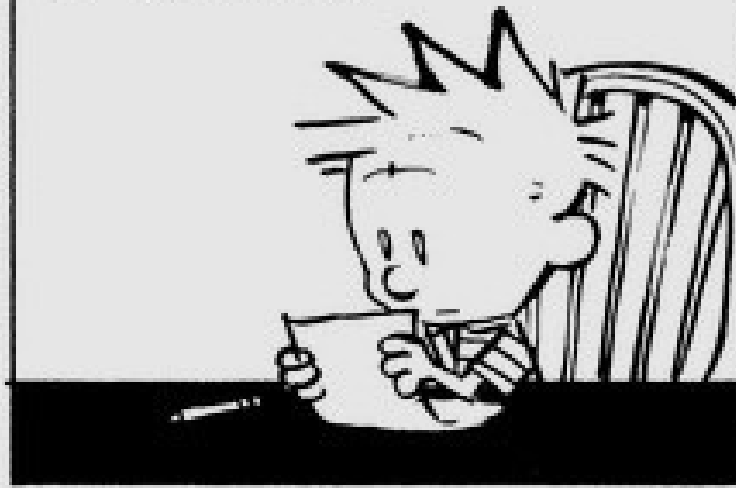


A MILLION THINGS THAT BUG ME

1. DRIED-out catsup ON
THE BOTTLE RIM.
2. TOAST CRUMBS IN
THE BUTTER.



3. MUSHY BANANAS.
4. WORMS ON THE
SIDEWALK.
5. SKIN ON PUDDING.
6. MAKING A HAND GESTURE
FOR QUOTATION MARKS.
7. RAISINS.





..HEY!

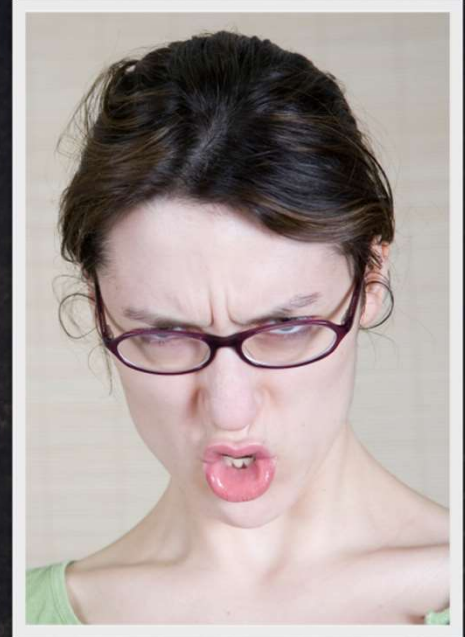


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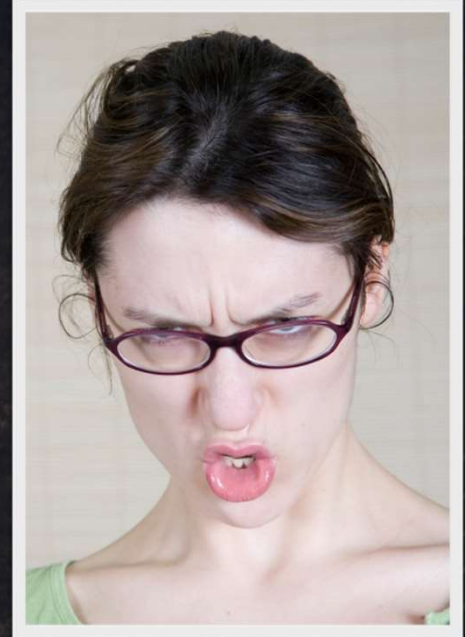


Complain:
*To continue to
express
unhappiness
about something*



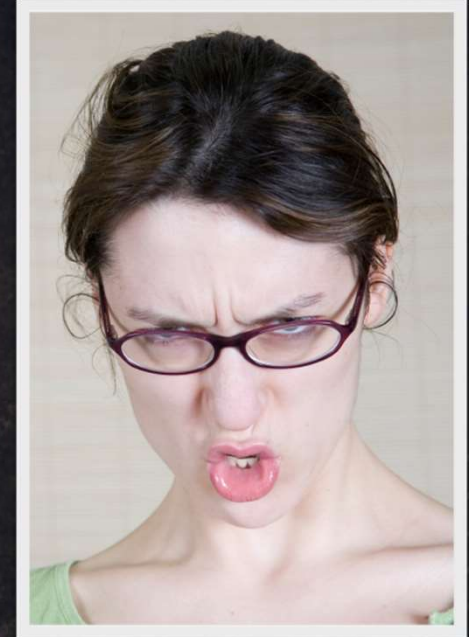
Gripe:

*To complain
persistently and
irritatingly*



Whine:

*To gripe or protest
about something in
an annoying voice*



Give thanks *in all circumstances*,
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18





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“There is no blessing that is greater in scope for poor sinners, nor any that is so entirely undeserved.”

H.C. Leupold, Psalms



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“For all creation is waiting patiently and hopefully for that future day when God will resurrect His children. For on that day, thorns and thistles, sin, death and decay—the things that overcame the world against its will at God’s command—will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God’s children enjoy.”

Romans 8:19-21(The Living Bible)



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“You are more sinful than you know,
but in Christ you are more loved
than you dare to dream.”

Tim Keller



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2. He sovereignly rules (vs. 19)



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“...then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.”

Genesis 2:7



“...By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and
to dust you shall return.

Genesis 3:19



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3. We who take to heart His commands (vs. 18b)



III. SUCH THANKSGIVING IS CONTAGIOUS! (vss. 20-22)



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