**Do Everything**  
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Everything you do is something that truly interests God. If He is aware of how we worship which should be done in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24), He is equally interested that our life would be walked in His light (1John 1:7). This is not about perfect doing. Even Jesus said, "So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.' " (Luke 17:10). This is meant, however, to be all-inclusive. Just as Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until *all things* take place” (Luke 21:32), *everything* God meant to fulfill in Jesus would be fulfilled in that generation. It was not just one aspect of His Messiahship; it was everything.

So, when we come to exhortations like, “**Do all things** without grumbling or complaining” (Philippians 2:14), what “things” are included? In fact, what things are excluded?

The dictionary says that **grumbling** is to “complain or protest about something in a bad-tempered but typically muted way” (dictionary.com) and the Cambridge dictionary adds, “to complain about someone or something in an annoyed way”. And the word used in Scripture (gonguzo) emphasizes the “say anything in a long tone” when one is complaining.

The dictionary says that **complaining** is “to express dissatisfaction, pain, uneasiness, censure, resentment, or grief; find fault” (dictionary.com). And the word used in Scripture (dialogismos) is “more strongly a disputing” (Vine’s) or “argument” (Bauer) translated elsewhere as dissension (1Timothy 2:8) which is “contentious quarreling” (Merriam-Webster).

So then, look at the following list from Luke Moyer that emphasizes the significance of the all things – the ***every*** thing – in which we should not grumble or complain.

Pay your bills *without grumbling or complaining*

Pay your taxes *without grumbling or complaining*

Obey the president *without grumbling or complaining*

Obey the police *without grumbling or complaining*

Obey your parents *without grumbling or complaining*

Listen to your teacher *without grumbling or complaining*

Listen to your politically opinionated neighbor *without grumbling or complaining*

Listen to your wife *without grumbling or complaining*

Play games *without grumbling or complaining*

Surf facebook *without grumbling or complaining*

Post on twitter *without grumbling or complaining*

Comment on an annoying post *without grumbling or complaining*

Talk to your husband *without grumbling or complaining*

Chat with your friends *without grumbling or complaining*

Pray to God without grumbling or complaining

Take your kids to school *without grumbling or complaining*

Take your kids to practice *without grumbling or complaining*

Take the trash out *without grumbling or complaining*

Fold the laundry *without grumbling or complaining*

Cover your lazy co-worker’s shift *without grumbling or complaining*

Go to church *without grumbling or complaining*

Study your Bible *without grumbling or complaining*

Give to the poor *without grumbling or complaining*

Give to the church *without grumbling or complaining*

Protect the innocent *without grumbling or complaining*

Love your neighbor *without grumbling or complaining*

**Do all things** *without grumbling or complaining.*

Everything. What else can you think of – for you?