



Numbers 16:3

(3) And they gathered themselves against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, "*You take* too much upon you since all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you lift yourselves up above the congregation of the LORD?"

Numbers 16:8-11

(8) And Moses said to Korah, "Hear now you sons of Levi: (9) *Is it* too little a thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel to bring you near to Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD and to stand before the congregation to minister to them? (10) And He has brought you near, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you. And do you seek the priesthood as well? (11) Therefore you and all your company *are* gathered against the LORD. And what is Aaron, that you murmur against him?"

A Faithful Version

This is an example of a person who is dissatisfied with what he has and stirs up others because of his [ingratitude](#) for what [God](#) had given him already.

The consequences of Korah's "taking action" are clear: God destroyed all these who rose up against [Moses](#) and Aaron—against Him. Does this pattern look familiar? It should. It is the age-old and oft-repeated [sin](#) of [pride](#) manifesting itself in ingratitude. [Satan](#) did the same thing ([Isaiah 14:12-15](#); [Ezekiel 28:14-17](#)). It was not enough for him to be a covering cherub at God's throne. It was not enough to have the lordship over the earth and one-third of the angels ([Revelation 12:3](#)). No, he wanted to resemble or compare to the Most High ([Isaiah 14:14](#))! His pride led him to go to war against God, a battle he soundly lost ([Luke 10:18](#)). [Revelation 12:7-10](#) prophesies that his pride will drive him to attempt another coup d'état before Christ's return.

This is where ingratitude can ultimately lead a person: into total rebellion against God. It

The Berean: Daily Verse and Commentary for Numbers 16:3 (<http://www.theberean.org>) lends to an individual feeling a false sense of worth, that he deserves more. If not checked, it becomes a plague of discontent that soon infects others, as Satan's ingratitude spread to other angels.

If this kind of attitude lands us in trouble, just what should our attitude be? A truly humble and grateful person will never rebel against God because he knows that even the very breath he breathes is a gift and calls for praiseful thanksgiving to the Father. Sharing this thanksgiving with others in the church works like soothing oil that helps to heal the body.

— Mark Schindler

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