

THOSE “CRITICAL” PEOPLE

THOSE PEOPLE, PART 4

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- Aaron and Miriam criticized Moses. Numbers 12:1-10
- People criticized Paul for being a bad speaker. 2 Cor. 10:10
- Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with sinners and healing on the Sabbath. Mark 2:16, Luke 13:14

Constructive Criticism

- Never _____ The Value Of Constructive Criticism

If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise. If you reject criticism, you only harm yourself...

Proverbs 15:31-32 NLT

Dealing With Unjust Criticism

- 1) God, Help Me Know When To _____ To Criticism.

Now the Ephraimites asked Gideon, "Why have you treated us like this?... And they criticized him sharply. But he answered them...
Judges 8:1-2 NLT

When the men of Ephraim heard Gideon's answer, they were no longer angry.
Judges 8:3 NLT

- 2) God, Help Me Know When To _____ Invalid Criticism.

Jesus did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

1 Peter 2:23 NLT

- 3) God, Help Me Overcome My Own _____ Nature.

Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.

Proverbs 12:18 NLT

For Discussion

- Share a time when you received constructive criticism. How did you respond to it?
- What steps do you need to take to put God's opinion of you ahead of other people's opinion?
- How have you been unjustly critical of others? What will you do to overcome your own critical nature?

** All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*