

# CRITICISM

## MY BIG FAT MOUTH, PART 2

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- Aaron and Miriam criticized Moses. Numbers 12:1-10 NLT
- 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.**

*The men of Ephraim spoke to Gideon. They asked, "Why have you treated us like this? Why didn't you ask us to help you when you went out to fight against Midian?" They spoke very sharply against Gideon.*

Judges 8:1-2 NIV

*After Gideon had said that, they didn't feel angry with him anymore.*

Judges 8:3 NIV

- **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 NIV unless otherwise noted*