

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Message Notes

Critical People

Sunday, February 2 | Tommy Duke
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“Better to be criticized by a wise person than to be praised by a fool.” – Ecclesiastes 7:5

PRAISE AND CRITICISM ARE _____:

- **PRAISE OFTEN REVEALS WHAT WE _____ MOST.**
- **CRITICISM OFTEN REVEALS OUR _____.**

(Jesus) *“How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye?” – Matthew 7:4*

TWO IMPROPER RESPONSES TO CRITICISM:

1) _____

2) _____

*“Wise people think before they act; fools don’t – and even brag about their foolishness.”
– Proverbs 13:16*

THREE PROPER RESPONSES TO CRITICISM:

1) _____ **WHEN THE CRITICISM IS HELPFUL AND THE CRITIC HAS A**
_____.

*“If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.”
– Proverbs 15:31*

2) _____ WHEN THE CRITIC IS OPEN TO _____ AND MAY BE _____.

“But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him. ‘You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!’ they said. Then Peter told them exactly what had happened... When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God...” – Acts 11:2-4, 18

3) _____ CRITICISM WHEN THE CRITIC IS OVERLY CRITICAL OR EMOTIONALLY UNHEALTHY.

(Jesus) *“Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted, so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch.”*
– Matthew 15:13-14

“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.” – Romans 12:18

REMEMBER:
I CAN'T PLEASE _____, BUT I CAN _____.

Memory Verse:

“For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.” – 1 Thessalonians 2:4

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize 1 Thessalonians 2:4.
- Ask God to help me respond wisely to criticism this week.
- I/we plan to attend the Super Bowl Party next Sunday, February 9. Number attending: _____
- Get Baptized during the service next Sunday, February 9.
- Sign up for Spring Growth Group #: _____.

* Join us next Sunday, February 9, at 11:00am as we continue our *Dealing with Difficult People* teaching series, with a message about how to deal with “Overly Needy People.” It’s a great Sunday to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend with you!



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