

Proverbs 27:5-7 (NLT)

An open rebuke is better than hidden love! ⁶Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy. ⁷A person who is full refuses honey, but even bitter food tastes sweet to the hungry.

Mark 15:3-5

The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly. ⁴Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, “Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!” ⁵But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

I Corinthians 4:5 (NLT)

Do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

Psalms 139:1-4

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. ³You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it all.

Psalms 139: 23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; ²⁴and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Notes:

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WORSHIP CONNECT IMPACT

CRITICISM AND THE CHRISTIAN

Proverbs 9

I. Critical **D** _____ : some despise criticism, others v _____ it

II. Contrasting **d** _____

* Some want to _____ righteous/good

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III. The Key to handling criticism: a **p** _____
r _____ with God, by which you discover who you are

* Without this we fall victim to the messages of **o** _____

IV. Ten Ways to respond to criticism

1. **L** _____ carefully

2. Accept the **p** _____ as part of God's **d** _____

3. **V** _____ the criticism as an aid to righteousness

4. Evaluate the **a** _____ of the criticism

5. Give **t** _____ and a **g** _____ reply

6. Do not criticize your critics

7. When appropriate, **d** _____ yourself **h** _____

8. Look for the **c** _____ picture

9. Rest in the **j** _____ of God

10. **R** _____ your soul in the Lord

Scripture References:

(New American Standard Version (NASB) is used unless otherwise indicated)

Proverbs 9:7-9

He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, and he who reproves a wicked man gets insults for himself. ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you, reprove a wise man and he will love you. ⁹Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning.

Proverbs 12:1

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

Proverbs 13:1

A wise son accepts his father's discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

Proverbs 15:5

A fool rejects his father's discipline, but he who regards reproof is sensible.

Proverbs 15:10

Grievous punishment is for him who forsakes the way; he who hates reproof will die.

Proverbs 6:23

The commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life.

Proverbs 13:18

Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, but he who regards reproof will be honored.

Proverbs 13:31

He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise.

Proverbs 9:8

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Psalm 141:5

Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me; it is oil upon the head; do not let my head refuse it.

I Corinthians 4:1-5

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. ³But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by any human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. ⁴For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. ⁵Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

I Thessalonians 2:4

But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.

II Samuel 16:5-13 (NLT)

As King David came to Bahurim, a man came out of the village cursing them. It was Shimei son of Gera, from the same clan as Saul's family. ⁶He threw stones at the king and the king's officers and all the mighty warriors who surrounded him. ⁷"Get out of here, you murderer, you scoundrel!" he shouted at David. ⁸"The Lord is paying you back for all the bloodshed in Saul's clan. You stole his throne, and now the Lord has given it to your son Absalom. At last you will taste some of your own medicine, for you are a murderer!" ⁹"Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king?" Abishai son of Zeruiah demanded. "Let me go over and cut off his head!" ¹⁰"No!" the king said. "Who asked your opinion, you sons of Zeruiah! If the Lord has told him to curse me, who are you to stop him?" ¹¹Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "My own son is trying to kill me. Doesn't this relative of Saul have even more reason to do so? Leave him alone and let him curse, for the Lord has told him to do it. ¹²And perhaps the Lord will see that I am being wronged and will bless me because of these curses today." ¹³So David and his men continued down the road, and Shimei kept pace with them on a nearby hillside, cursing and throwing stones and dirt at David.