

"Critics and Criticism." Matt. 27:39-44

1-Critic; Criticism--Nouns.

1-One who expresses a reason<sup>or</sup> opinion on any matter.

2-One given to harsh or captious judgement.

2-We are all interested in critics and criticism because all of us are <sup>at</sup> times criticized.

1-Those who suffer most from the critics are generally the ones who dare differ with their fellowmen.

2-We criticize those who defy our customs and break our laws.

3-We refuse to tolerate those who fall too far behind the procession and we are equally hard on those that get too far ahead.

3-We are all interested in critics and criticism because all of us at times dare play the roll of critic.

1-Some criticize with kindness and with caution.

2-Others criticize recklessly and gleefully and with vast self-assurance.

1-These take an unholy pride in their work.

2-They feel that it is all to their credit that they can see more with their eyes shut than others can with their eyes wide open.

3-They are sure that it is a mark of superiority that they have been assigned the task of criticizing the players rather than of taking part in the game.

4-Since all of us criticize, how can we make our criticism Christian.

1-We must seek to be scrupulously honest & just.

1-This will reduce our criticism to a minimum.

2-In order to be just we must be sure of facts.

3-It is most dangerous to accept as truth the flimsiest hear-say.

2-To criticize as Christians we must be at once humble and cautious.

1-Humble-realize our own limitations.

2-Gal. 6:1; Criticism in spirit of meekness.

We do not take kindly to those who stand upon a pedestal to rebuke us.





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3-We need humility and caution because criticism is so dangerous.

1-Your reputation is a part of the capital on which you do business.

2-If one steals or tarnishes that reputation however innocent you may be, your usefulness is impaired.

1-There was once a father, a keen and capable man, devoted to the church, but given to the habit of criticizing the minister in the presence of his children.

1-Crisis came in the life of one of his boys. In desperation he appealed to the preacher for help and the preacher sought eagerly to comply but there was little or nothing that he could do.

2-The father had torn that preacher's reputation to shreds.....

5-There are certain wrong ways that we should avoid

1-There are those who quit under criticism.

2-They make their plans, set their goals, and begin work in good faith.

3-Somebody tells them:

1-That what they are undertaking is foolish.

2-That the undertaking is impossible.

3-That it is not worth doing anyway. We tried it and it never did work.

4-Maybe you are right is the spineless answer.

1-Then the tools fall from his nerveless hand and he gives up then and there.

2-Such poor souls are like the wheat that was sown upon stony ground.

1-They may flourish for a little while, but under the hot sun of criticism they wither and die.

5-There are those that surrender in another way. They listen to every critic that come their way.

6-There are those who take the opposite course. Instead of listening to everybody, **THEY LISTEN**

**TO NOBODY.** Finally, some criticism we should defy and contradict. Critic of weight **never** declared valid by no **airship** would ever be invented and if so might **father** would not be the one to invent it.

1-Your reputation is a part of the capital of  
which you do business.  
2-It is the assets or liabilities that reputation  
however important you may be, your reputation  
is important.  
3-There is a large a farmer, a man and his  
able and devoted to his church, and it  
to the credit of criticism the minister  
in the business of his child and  
4-Criticism came in the life of one of his  
days. In cooperation he appeared to  
and the preacher for help and the preacher  
found every way to supply his needs  
was in fact on another that he could do  
5-The father had seen that preacher's  
reputation as a preacher.....  
6-There are certain ways that we should avoid  
7-There are things that other ministers  
8-They make their plans, set their goals, and  
9-They work in good faith.  
10-Somebody tells them:  
11-That they are unchristian in feeling.  
12-That the preaching is illegitimate.  
13-That their own words bring wrath to their  
14-And in prayer did work.  
15-Why you are right is the official answer.  
16-Then the father fall from his knees and  
and he lives a long and good  
17-Good coat and the the church that was  
as in your every way.  
18-That is a minister for a life with, and  
when the top of criticism are given  
and die.  
19-There are those that understand in their way  
They listen to every critic that come their way  
20-There are those who take the opposite course.  
Instead of listening to everybody, they listen  
to nobody. Finally, how criticism is dealt with  
will determine their future. Richard said  
in a speech would not be in the end of so many  
other would not be the same way.