

**“Facing Criticism...For God’s Glory and Our Good”**  
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**Four Wrong Ways to Face Criticism:**

- 1 – Do not become D \_\_\_\_\_ -- Proverbs 17:10
- 2 – Do not become A \_\_\_\_\_ -- James 1:20
- 3 – Do not R \_\_\_\_\_ the criticism outright – Proverbs 1:5a
- 4 – Do not B \_\_\_\_\_ every fiery arrow of criticism – Proverbs 1:5b

**Because**

- ...we will not B \_\_\_\_\_ from what God may have for us to learn
- ...we may become B \_\_\_\_\_ and beaten down
- ...we may win the B \_\_\_\_\_ and lose the W \_\_\_\_\_
- ...we will miss an opportunity to G \_\_\_\_\_ God

**Facing Criticism the RIGHT way:**

- 1 – With H \_\_\_\_\_, be T \_\_\_\_\_ in spirit, open to correction and growth even from non-friendly fire

Three positive examples:

- a – Jethro and Moses – Ex. 18:13-27
- b – Paul and Peter – Galatians 2:11
- c – Aquila & Priscilla and Apollos – Acts 18:24-28

- 2 – With G \_\_\_\_\_, choose NOT to R \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh, but to R \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit

- 3 – Consider the S \_\_\_\_\_ of the criticism – WHO? – Psalm 141:5\*\*

Note 1: Criticism’s I \_\_\_\_\_ over us is directly proportionate to how much we value the critic’s A \_\_\_\_\_.

Note 2: We will be most S \_\_\_\_\_ to the criticism that strikes closest to what we V \_\_\_\_\_...what is tied to our identity.

- 4 – Consider the S \_\_\_\_\_ of the criticism – HOW?

- 5 – Consider the criticism with P \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ and perspective

- 6 – Seek the C \_\_\_\_\_ of those whom you trust

- 7 – Bring C \_\_\_\_\_ to the criticism in some way...

E \_\_\_\_\_ the truth...R \_\_\_\_\_ the unfounded...F \_\_\_\_\_ appropriately

For DADS – a special word – “Do not provoke your children to anger! Instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)