JUDGING

The Shocking Truth

PART 3: HOW TO DEAL WITH CRITICISM

1. _____The Fact That _____ Will Be Criticized.

Numbers 12:1 (NKJV)
Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

Acts 11:2 (NLT)
But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him.

Mark 3:4 (NLT)
Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him.

Proverbs 29:1 (NLT)
Whoever stubbornly refuses to accept criticism
will suddenly be destroyed beyond recovery.

2. Pray The "_____ ____, ___ _____" Prayer Frequently.

Psalm 139:23–24 (NKJV)
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
And see if *there is any* wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

3. _____The _____ Of A _____.

Proverbs 27:6 (NKJV)
Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV)
As iron sharpens iron,
So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

Psalm 141:5 (NKJV)
Let the righteous strike me;
It shall be a kindness.
And let him rebuke me;
It shall be as excellent oil;
Let my head not refuse it
For still my prayer *is* against the deeds of the wicked.

4. _____God May Speak To Me Through A _____.

Numbers 22:30 (NKJV)
So the donkey said to Balaam, "*Am* I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since *I became* yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No."

5. To **PROFIT** From Criticism I Must **EVALUATE** It.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 (NLT)
but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.

WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP?

1. I will make Proverbs 29:1 my scripture of the week.

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> will suddenly be destroyed beyond recovery.

2. I will pray the "Search Me, O God" prayer 3 times this week.

Pray & Listen to God.

3. If I have a "faithful" friend, I will thank God for them this week. If I do not have a "faithful" friend, I will ask God to give me one.

4. I will receive the rebuke of the gospel, that I am a sinner. I will take the corrective measure called for in the gospel and turn from my sins to Jesus for forgiveness & righteousness.