

Handling Criticism Sunday August 17, 2008

How would you and I respond if there was serious criticism against us – even for doing something good? What if this criticism came from supposedly well-meaning believers who do not have the same persuasion as you do?

Think about Jesus

Matthew 9:2,3 (called Him a blasphemer) 23,24 (ridiculed Him), 32-34 (accused Him of having demonic powers).

1, Be Teachable

Look at criticism objectively and see if there is anything genuine, valid, true in what is being said. We must welcome the truth.

2. Pursue Peace

Matthew 5:9 Hebrews 12:14 Romans 12:18

3, Release a blessing

Romans 12:14 1 Peter 3:8-11 (Example: APC Mangalore)

4, Follow Christ's Example

1 Peter 2:21-23

Avoid reacting and then regretting

5, Avoid ignorant disputes (debates, quarrels)

2 Timothy 2:23,24

6, Do not get distracted from your primary assignment

Nehemiah 6:1-16

7, Look at your eternal reward

Matthew 5:10-12 2 Corinthians 4:8,9,16-18





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