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People do not like answering questions because they are not comfortable with the answer they know they have to give

**If you are offended by a question
then it is a good sign that is an area
of life that needs to improve**

Philippians 2:12

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling

Philippians 2:12

...not as in my presence

only, but now much more

in my absence

**No one else is responsible
for the success of your
spiritual journey**

Matthew 7:3-4

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?



Question 2: Why Are You So Judgmental?

It is much easier to judge the faults of someone else than it is to acknowledge our own

Principle 1:

Being Critical Invokes the
Law of Reciprocity

Matthew 7:1-2

Judge not, that you be not
judged. 2 For with the judgment
you pronounce you will be
judged, and with the measure you
use it will be measured to you

The Natural Law of Reciprocity:

Every action we take will be met with some type of a reaction by another person

Luke 6:37-38

Judge not, and ye shall not be
judged: condemn not, and ye
shall not be condemned: forgive,
and ye shall be forgiven: 38 Give,
and it shall be given unto you;

Luke 6:37-38

good measure, pressed down,
and shaken together, and running
over, shall men give into your
bosom. For with the same measure
that ye mete withal it shall be
measured to you again

Matthew 16:25

For whosoever will save his
life shall lose it: and
whosoever will lose his life
for my sake shall find it

Principle 2:

Critical People are Insecure
People

Matthew 7:3

And why beholdest thou the
mote that is in thy brother's
eye, but considerest not the
beam that is in thine own eye?

The habit of constantly pointing out the faults of other people is a manifestation of an insecurity about the very things that you judge other people for

The criticism you have of others is a mirror or reflection of how you feel about yourself

Romans 8:37

Nay, in all these things we are
more than conquerors through
him that loved us

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things
through Christ which
strengtheneth me

Galatians 4:7

So you are no longer a slave,
but a son, and if a son, then an
heir through God

Romans 8:15-16

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life [are] in the power
of the tongue: and they that
love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Principle 3:

Critical People Have a
Problem with Forgiveness

**When Bob has a problem
with everyone, Bob is
usually the problem**

James 4:1

What causes quarrels and
what causes fights among
you? Is it not this, that your
passions are at war within you?

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, as God in Christ
forgave you

Colossians 3:13

bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Principle 4:

Critical People Are Usually
Hiding Their Own
Shortcoming

John 8:3-7

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him.

John 8:3-7

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her"

John 8:9

But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

Matthew 23:27-28

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead [men's] bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity



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