



**My Big Fat Mouth – Part 2 – Criticizing
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Jesus: “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. ³ And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.” – Matthew 7:1-5

✓ **The root of a critical spirit is COMPARISON.**

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² “The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses. ³ So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their example. For they don’t practice what they teach. ⁴ They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.” – Matthew 23:1-4

Jesus: “I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.” – John 10:10

The Bottom Line:

We can either be a FAULT-FINDER or a HOPE-GIVER.

BECOMING A HOPE-GIVER

1) Choose to LOVE instead of HATE.

For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. – Galatians 5:14-15

2) Choose to BUILD UP instead of TEARING DOWN.

Memory Verse:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. – Ephesians 4:29

3) Choose to give GRACE instead of giving GRIEF.

Speaking recklessly is like the thrusts of a sword, but the words of the wise bring healing. – Proverbs 12:18

Question: *Where can you be a hope-giver this week?*