

# Message Based Questions 9/1/19

## Rivals, Part 6: Criticism

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Scripture: Prov 4:23, 2 Sam 16:5, 2 Sam 19:15-23

- 1) What did you find the most challenging, helpful or troubling about the message?
- 2) Our key verse is Proverbs 4:23. Read the verse out loud, emphasizing a different word each time. What stands out to you?
- 3) We have focused on a different rival each week of the series: fear, hurt, betrayal, temptation, disappointment and criticism. Can you think of a time when a rival made you better or bitter? Which one from the list are you most likely to give your heart to?
- 4) What positive and negative things can we learn from studying how David handled criticism?
- 5) Which of these observations about criticism resonate with you?
  - Criticism will challenge your values, what you truly believe.
  - Criticism will bring out your inner critic.
  - Criticism will bring out your need for approval.
  - Often criticism is not about you. Everyone is in a battle.

**Application:** Who are the few people that you have invited (or can invite) into your life to speak the truth in love with you?

Spend some time in reflection allowing God to search your heart. Is it divided? Are you guarding your heart? Ask Him to heal and restore your heart.