

**Men's Bible Study: King David & Biblical Manhood**

**Week 27**

**4/5/23**

**Receiving Criticism**

**How well do you take criticism? What is the worst criticism you ever received from someone?**

**Charles Swindoll – “If you are called into leadership, where you must deal with people, you have to be well-shod and armor-plated. If not, you’re doomed to failure**

**1. There will always be unjustified criticism**

**2 Samuel 16:5-8 (NLT)**

**Proverbs 15:31 (NLT), “If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.”**

**2. Criticism reveals our character**

**2 Samuel 16:9-13 (NLT)**

**3. Rest from criticism when possible**

**2 Samuel 16:14 (NLT)**

**4. Show mercy in the middle of criticism**

**2 Samuel 19:18b-23 (NLT)**

**1 Peter 3:16b (NLT), “Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.”**

**5. When needed, handle the criticism**

**2 Kings 2:8-9 (NLT)**