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OVERCOMING A CRITICAL SPIRIT PT. 2.

Shiloh Fire Service

ROMANS 14:10 NKJV

But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of [a]Christ.

What is a Critical Spirit

Please remember that:

1. if you always criticize and pass judgment on others;
 2. If you are always finding fault with something or someone;
 3. If it is difficult for you to see the positive in a person or a situation;
 4. If you have a compulsion to always give your critical point of view for the good of everyone;
 5. if you always gossip, slander, criticize or complain;
- then you may have a critical spirit

The Roots Of A Critical Spirit

1. Negative mindset
2. Selfishness, pride and the spirit of perfection
3. Ingratitude
4. Manipulation and oppression by critical or judgmental spirits
5. Insecurities,; fears, envies and jealousies
6. An unrenewed mind

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ROMANS 1:29-32 NKJV

being filled with all unrighteousness, [a]sexual immorality, wickedness, [b]covetousness, [c]maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 [d]undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, [e]unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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REVELATION 12:10 NKJV

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

ROMANS 14:4 NKJV

Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

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LUKE 8:11 NKJV

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

GALATIANS 6:7

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NUMBERS 14:26-29 NKJV

And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 27 “How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. 28 Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the Lord, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: 29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

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PSALM 68:6 NKJV

*God sets the solitary in families; He brings
out those who are bound into prosperity;
But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.*

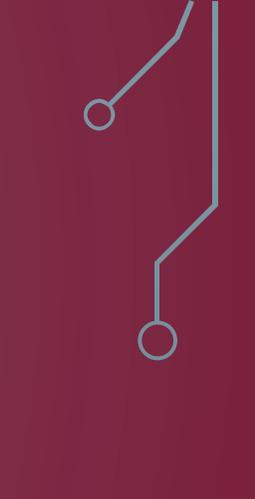
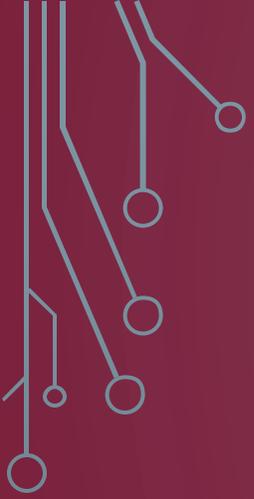
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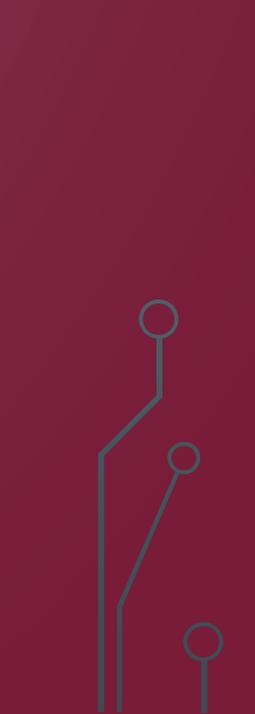
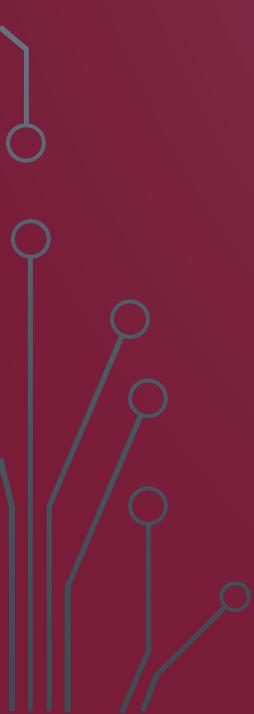
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PROVERBS 16:28 NIV

*A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a
gossip separates close friends.*



How To Overcome A Critical Spirit

1. Prayer. Arrest that critical spirit by the word of God bind it and cast it out of your life in Jesus name. Matt.16:19;
 - a. Take authority over that critical spirit, break its power over you, bind it and cast it out of your life.
 - b. Ask God to purify your thoughts, motives and desires
 - c. Ask God for a revelation of His grace and for a gracious spirit.
 - d. When bothered by other people's actions or conversations, pray for them first, and ask the Holy Spirit for the right response before engaging.

How To Overcome A Critical Spirit

2. Discipline your thoughts.

- a. Make a choice not to allow critical thoughts take root in your mind.
- b. Consciously and actively reject any critical thought the devil brings your way. Do not entertain it. Counter it with grace and the word of God
- c. For every negative thought there is a positive thought to counter it in the scriptures. Php.4:18. Prov.4:23;

PROVERBS 4:23 NIV

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

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3. Fill your heart with the word of God

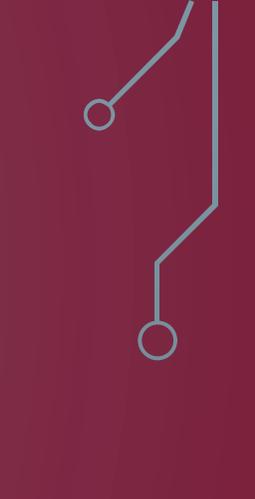
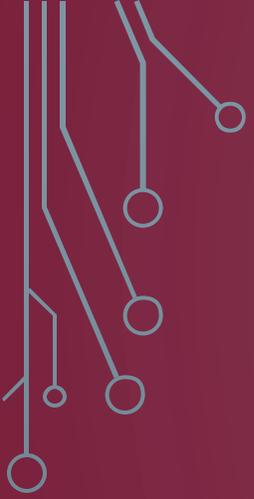
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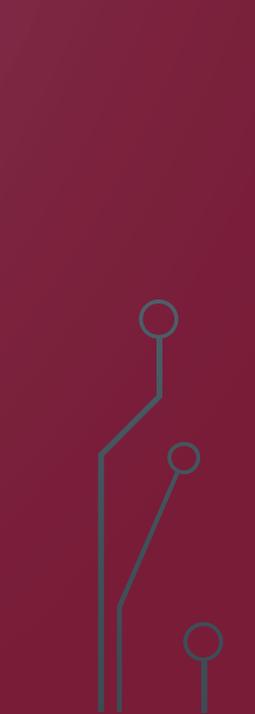
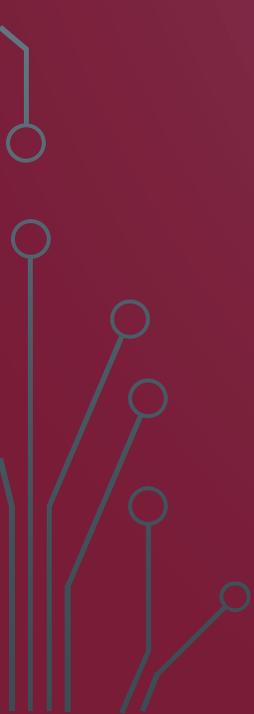
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LUKE 6:45 NKJV

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil [a]treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.



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COLOSSIANS 3:16 NKJV

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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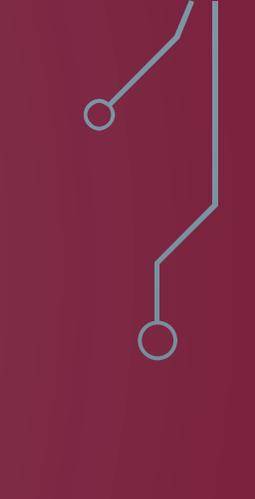
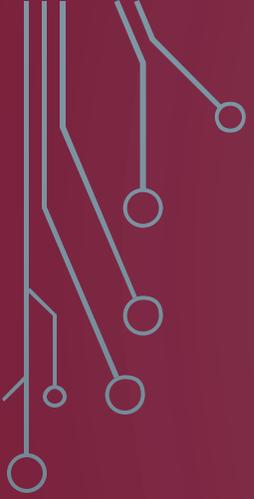
ROMANS 12:2 NKJV

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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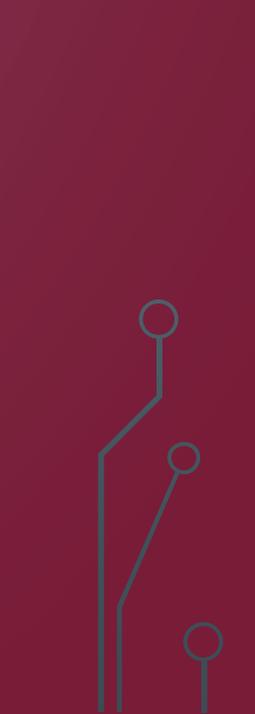
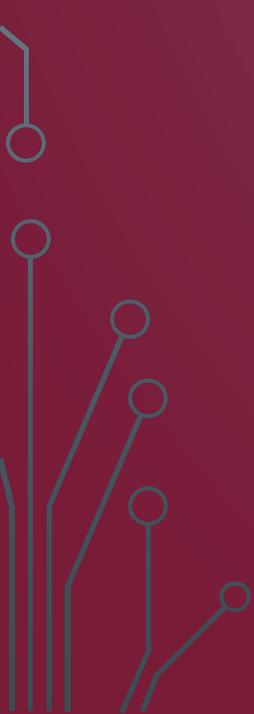
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PSALM 119:9 NKJV

*How can a young man cleanse his way? By
taking heed according to Your word*



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1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 NIV

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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4. Develop a heart of gratitude and appreciation. Learn to be grateful in the midst of the good the bad and the ugly. A grateful heart and attitude will give birth to an appreciative personality. 1 Thess.5:18;
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*in everything give thanks; for this is the will
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PHILIPPIANS 2:3 NIV

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,*

EPHESIANS 4:2

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love.*

ALTAR CALL

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and I need you to save me. I believe you died for me and rose up on the third day that I may be justified. Today I confess and repent of all my sins; forgive me Lord Jesus; come into my heart Lord Jesus; be my Lord and savior; from today I promise to serve you in the name of Jesus

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PRAYER 1

Father in the name of Jesus, By the power of the Holy Ghost, uproot every root of bitterness, selfishness, ingratitude and pride that is promoting a Critical and negative attitude in my life and in that of any member of this church in the name of Jesus. Baptize each one of us with the spirit of humility, gladness, gratitude and love in the name of Jesus. Eph.4:31; Heb.12:15; Rom.3:14; Ps.45:7; 30:11; 1Thess.5:18; 1Cor.13:4-7;

PRAYER 2

Father in the name of Jesus, let the manipulation and operation of every negative and critical spirit in my life and that of any member of this church be terminated today; You negative and critical spirit, I bind you, I break your power over my life and that of every member of this church and I cast you out of our lives forever in the name of Jesus.

Matt.16:19; Mk.16:17;

PRAYER 3

Father in the name of Jesus, purify my thoughts, motives and desires and that of every member of this church and empower each one of us to renew our individual minds and discipline our thought life by the word of God in the name of Jesus. Rom.12:2; Ps.119:97; Jos.1:8; Col.3:16;

PRAYER 4

Father in the name of Jesus, let every negative and critical word that I have sown that is now fighting my destiny, die today in the name of Jesus; let every negative and critical word that any member of this church has sown that is now fighting their destiny, die today in the name of Jesus. Lk.8:11; Gal.6:7-8; Prov.12:13; 18:7;

PRAYER 5

Now Pray for yourself. For your specific need. For your expectation this month and this year. Jer.33:3

JEREMIAH 33:3

‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and [a]mighty things, which you do not know.’