

Critical People

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

How to Respond to Critical People:

1. Don't Retaliate with Critisim

He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

—1 Peter 2:23 (NLT)

2. Don't Immediately Dismiss Their Criticism

A. God can speak through anyone.

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

—Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

B. What is meant for evil, God can use for good.

C. The Gospel has already determined your value!

... you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ...

—1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV)

No Matter Where It Comes From, God's Correction Is Always a Blessing.

3. Embrace the Correction God Has for You

31 The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell

among the wise. 32 Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.
—Proverbs 15:31-32 (ESV)

A. Treasure It

Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
—Proverbs 25:12 (ESV)

B. Seek It

Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
—Proverbs 4:5 (ESV)

C. Filter it

- *With Prayer*
- *With the Word of God*
- *With Wise Council*