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Speck Detectives!!

*Matthew 7:1-6*

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top half of the image shows vibrant turquoise water with visible coral reefs. A narrow strip of white sand beach runs horizontally across the middle. The bottom half of the image is filled with dense, lush green tropical vegetation, including many palm trees.

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*Part 16*

Few things are more destructive to the cause of Christ and EXHAUSTING to a local fellowship of believers than the presence of harsh, unloving, critical words and responses.

***CRUSHING!***

WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO  
ANXIOUS TO CRITICIZE ME?



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I JUST THINK I HAVE A  
KNACK FOR SEEING OTHER  
PEOPLE'S FAULTS..



WHAT  
ABOUT YOUR  
OWN  
FAULTS?

I HAVE A  
KNACK FOR  
OVERLOOKING  
THEM..



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1. We must wage a personal war on the disease of a critical spirit (*vv. 1-4*).

# judge

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- to separate
- describes an ancient courtroom where a judge separated the facts and discerned the truth

# 1 JOHN 4:1

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Beloved, believe not every spirit,  
but try the spirits whether they  
are of God: because many false  
prophets are gone out into the  
world.

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For your stead  
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# JOHN 7:24

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Judge not according to  
the appearance, but judge  
righteous judgment.

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# PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

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And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

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CRITICAL THINKING  
VS.

A CRITICAL  
SPIRIT/PERSON



1. **A critical spirit is destructive - critical thinking is constructive.**
2. **A critical spirit** looks to **find fault** and seems to **enjoy it** when he does - **critical thinkers** are **grieved** when they discover wrong thinking or a fallen brother.
3. **A critical spirit focuses** on things that are of little importance and makes them matters of vital importance - **critical thinking** judges righteous judgment in areas vital to the **faith**.
4. **A critical spirit judges** others on the basis of personal agendas and convictions - **critical thinking clear Biblical teaching**. makes judgments in areas of
5. **A critical spirit** usually has a **high view** of their personal righteousness - **critical thinkers** see themselves as fellow sinners **in need of God's grace**.



# 1 PETER 4:8

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And above all things have fervent  
charity among yourselves: for  
charity shall cover the multitude  
of sins.

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•“When a critic discovers faults in another, he feels a malignant satisfaction and always sees the worst possible motives in the other’s actions. The critical spirit is like the carrion fly that buzzes with a sickening hum of satisfaction over sores, preferring corruption to health.”

*R. Kent Hughes*

# Criticism is wrong because ...

- 1) it usurps God's job and invites God's judgment (*vs. 2*).
- 2) it turns the focus of our attention outward rather than inward (*and assumes motives*).
- 3) our knowledge is limited.
- 4) our perspective is distorted.
- 5) it is hypocritical.

# JAMES 4:11-12

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Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

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# ROMANS 14:10


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But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

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1. We must wage a personal war on the disease of a critical spirit *(vv. 1-4)*.
2. We must be serious about personal spiritual self-examination *(vs. 5)*.
3. We must exercise tenderness when we seek to help others *(vs. 5)*.

The image features a vibrant teal background with a mottled, painterly texture. At the bottom, there is a horizontal band of light-colored, sandy material, possibly representing a beach or a path, with some small, dark, indistinct shapes scattered along its edge. Centered in the teal area is a line of white text in a bold, italicized serif typeface.

*It's hard to pull and  
bark at the same time!*