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**Mark 3:2**

**Mark 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup> **So they watched Him closely,** whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, **so that they might accuse Him.** <sup>3</sup> And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." <sup>4</sup> Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. <sup>5</sup> And when **He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts,** He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

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**Lk. 14:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that **they watched Him closely.** <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup> And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

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**Lk. 20:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them. <sup>20</sup> **So they watched Him,** and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

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**They Criticized Jesus ... (Mark 2:1-3:6)**

"Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: how he went into the house of and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?"


- For What He Said (your sins are forgiven) – **2:1-12**
- For His Associations (He ate with sinners) – **2:13-17**
- And His Disciples Because of What They Didn't Do (didn't fast) – **2:18-22**
- For What His Disciples Did (plucked grain) – **2:23-28**
- Because He Did Good (healed) - **3:1-6**

Justifiable, Fair, Positive Criticism Is **GOOD & NECESSARY**




- **Constructive Criticism** that which is expressed in love to "build up," not to tear down — it is always expressed face-to-face, never behind their back.

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**Jn. 7:24**  
 24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

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**Matt. 7:1-5**  
 1 “Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

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**Matt. 7:1-5**  
 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye?

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**Matt. 7:1-5**  
 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

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Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

- Self Examination – **2 Cor. 13:5**
- Sin **MUST** Be Dealt With – **Mat. 18:15-17; 2 Thess. 3:6,14**
- False Teachers & Divisive Brethren – **Rom. 16:17**



**CRITICAL SPIRIT**



“an obsessive attitude of criticism and fault-finding, which acts to tear others down is”

**Destructive & Evil**

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### Fruit of A Critical Spirit - Mark 2:1-3:6



- Rejects clear evidence – **2:1-12**
- Cut sinner off instead of teaching them – **2:13-17**
- Condemns the righteous & their appropriate actions – **2:18-22**
- Exposes our ungodliness & wickedness – **3:1-6**

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### Causes of A Critical Spirit

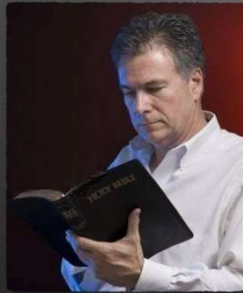


- The Devil – **Rev. 12:10**
- Pride – **Prov. 13:10**
- Self Righteousness – **Lk. 18:9-14**
- Lack of Love & Mercy – **1 Cor. 13:4-7**
- Hypocrisy – **Matt. 23:4,29-30**

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### The Cure For A Critical Spirit



- Humility – Recognizing We All Have Faults – **Rom. 3:23**
- Put On The New Man – **Eph. 4:23-32**
- Bear the Fruit of The SPIRIT – **Gal. 5:22-23**

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### The Fruit of A Godly Spirit

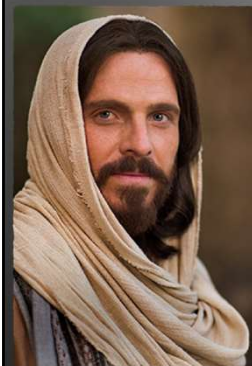
- Honest & Fair – **John 7:24**
- Patient, Considerate, Forgiving – **Rom. 14:1-12**
- Seeks Peace — **Rom. 12:18**
- Opposes injustice – **Isa. 1:17**
- Acts decisively against SIN – **Matt. 5:29-30**
- Exposes False Teachers — **Matt. 23; Acts 15:2**

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### **Matt. 27:35–37, 54**

<sup>35</sup> Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."<sup>36</sup> Sitting down, **they kept watch over Him** there.<sup>37</sup> And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS** ...<sup>54</sup> So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, **"Truly this was the Son of God!"**

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- To honestly **examine** the evidence — **John 20:30,31**
- **Believe** that He is the Son of God — **John 8:24**
- **Confess** Him before men — **Acts 8:37**
- **Repent** of your sins — **Luke 13:3**
- **Be baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins — **Acts 2:38**
- Be **faithful** to Him — **Heb 5:8-9**