



Dealing With Overly-Critical People

Relational Vampires, part three

Mark 11:27-30, 33

²⁷ "They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. ²⁸ 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you authority to do this?' ²⁹ "Jesus replied, 'I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.' ³⁰ 'John's baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!'"

³³ "So they answered Jesus, 'We don't know.' Jesus said, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'" Mark 11:27-30, 33 (NIV)

When dealing with criticism, remember your _____.

Honestly _____ criticism.

Consider the _____ of the criticism.

"Whoever heeds correction is honored." Proverbs 13:18 (NIV)

*"No servant is greater than his master.
If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."* John 15:20 (NIV)

Jesus said, "Beware when all men speak well of you." Luke 6:26

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed." 1 Peter 4:12-13 (NIV)

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us."
1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)