

TRANSFORMING A CRITIC INTO AN ENCOURAGER

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John 13:35 Galatians 6:2

1. The first step in correcting criticism is call it what it is... sin. Matthew 15:19 Romans 1:30

1 Corinthians 5:11 Ephesians 4:31

Titus 3:2 1 Peter 2:1

2. We must agree with God that criticism is often an attempt to draw attention away from our own sin.

A. Matthew 7:1-5

B. James 4:11

C. Romans 2:1-4

3. Self-righteous criticism affects our ability to impact our community for Christ.

A. Philippians 2:14-15

B. Galatians 6:1-5

As a spiritual paramedic,

how do I help others get free of sin's tentacles?

1. My motive must be genuine love and concern.

Irritation is not a godly motive.

2. I approach this person in humility and gentleness. It is not about being right.

3. I must prayerfully ask for wisdom knowing that I am a fellow sinner.