

Sharpening the Skill of a Thick Skin #3

“Coping with Criticism”

2 Samuel 16:5-14

The Unpleasant Reality of Criticism

2 Samuel 16:5-8 - David was severely criticized by Shimei, a distant relative of King S_____.

Criticism always seems to come at a time when we need it l_____.

The worst critiques come when we least d_____ them.

Criticism usually comes from people least q_____ to give it.

Criticism often comes in a form that is least h_____.

Mark 10:29-30; 2 Timothy 3:12 - All followers of Jesus will be p_____ at one time or another.

The Unhealthy Reaction of Criticism

2 Samuel 16:9 - Abishai wanted to s_____ b_____ violently.

Luke 6:27-29 - Jesus taught that we should respond p_____ to criticism, not n_____.

1 Peter 2:23 - In practice, Jesus did not r_____.

QTIP - Q_____ T_____ I_____ P_____ !

The Unruffled Response to Criticism

2 Samuel 16:10-14 - David did not take p_____ what Shimei said. He had a soft h_____ and a thick s_____.

Instead of reacting e_____, we need to respond r_____. Ask first, “Is this criticism t_____?” If not, don’t take it to heart. If so, ask “Is this something I am going to c_____?” If so, the criticism becomes constructive. If not, ignore it. Either way, q_____ t_____ it p_____ !

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APPROACHED	HILLSIDE	SAME
BAHURIM	LEAVE	SCOUNDREL
BENJAMITE	MUCH	SHED
BLOOD	OFFICIALS	SHIMEI
CLAN	OPPOSITE	SHOWERING
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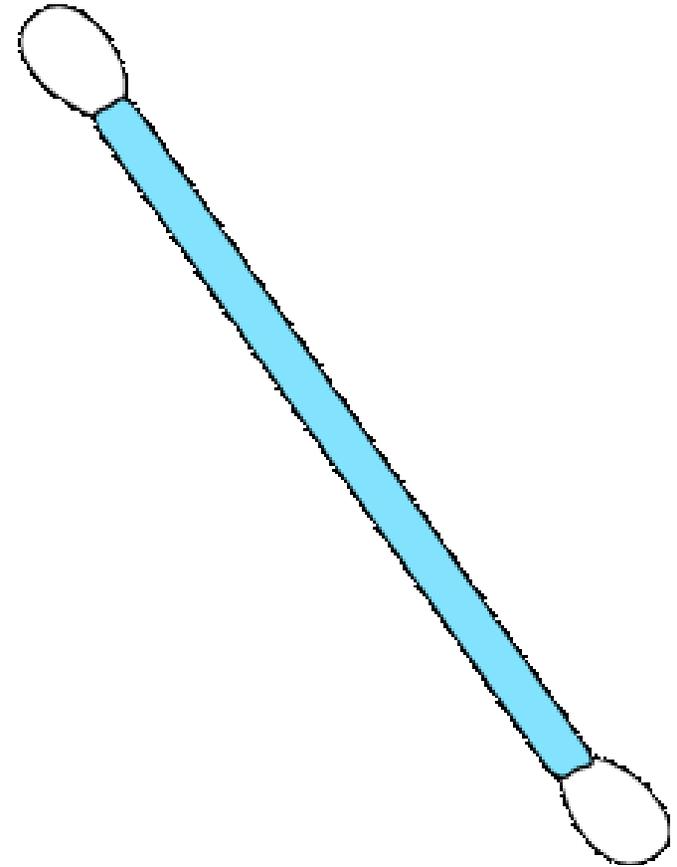
Don't do as others do to
you...do better!



*"Love your enemies, do good to those
who hate you, bless those who curse
you, pray for those who mistreat
you."*

(Luke 6:27-28)

Coping with Criticism



*When they hurled their insults at Him, He
did not retaliate; when He suffered, He
made no threats. Instead, He entrusted
Himself to Him who judges justly.*

(1 Peter 2:23)