

**BUILDING LOVING RELATIONSHIPS – PART III**  
**“The Critical Spirit Kills”**  
**Matthew 7:1-5**

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When we become believers in Jesus we receive an outpouring of grace. Jesus forgives us of our sins, we receive his love in our hearts, his mercy, and compassion and much more. We are to give the same virtues to the people in our lives, which is essential to building loving relationships. One obstacle to loving relationships is a critical spirit. Today’s teaching will reveal how damaging a critical spirit can be to a relationship, then show us how we can be cured from the same.

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**1. DISPLAYING A CRITICAL SPIRIT ON PEOPLE IS \_\_\_\_\_**  
**TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS, v. 1**

- A. Someone who always sees faults in people
- B. Someone who puts you under a microscope
- C. Someone who nitpicks you to death
- D. Someone who sees the worst in people
- E. Someone who questions your motives, 1 Cor 4:5

**2. DISPLAYING A CRITICAL SPIRIT BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_ ON US,**  
**vv. 1B-2**

- A. The principle of reciprocity
- B. The people we judge will judge us in like fashion
- C. The Lord will judge us as we judge others, James 2:13

**3. DISPLAYING CRITICAL JUDGMENT OF PEOPLE IS \_\_\_\_\_**  
**UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

- A. Discernment in selecting church leaders
- B. Discernment in selecting the 12 apostles – Jesus prayed all night
- C. Discernment in selecting your friends
- D. Discernment in selecting a mate
- E. Discernment in identifying false teachers

**4. DISPLAYING A CRITICAL EXPOSES OUR \_\_\_\_\_, vv. 3-4**

- A. You see a fault in your brother – the speck in his eye
- B. You don’t see the same fault in yourself – the log in your eye
- C. You point out your brother’s fault – let me take the speck out of your eye
- D. You are oblivious to the same fault in yourself – the plank in your eye

**5. DISPLAYING A CRITICAL SPIRIT CAN BE CURED THROUGH HONEST \_\_\_\_\_, v. 5**

- A. Step one: take the plank out of your eye – stop being a hypocrite because you have a double standard
- B. Step two: then you will see clearly – you have a fresh perspective on the matter
- C. Step three: then you can remove the speck from your brother’s eye, Gal 6:1, 1 Cor 13:4-7, 1 Peter 4:8

**ANSWERS: Antithetical, Judgment, Necessary, Blind Spots, Self-Inspection.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

Pastor Bruce is continuing his series titled “Building Loving Relationships.” A critical spirit can poison a relationship. This morning’s teaching will show us the danger of being overly judgmental and offer the cure for a critical spirit.

### NEXT WEEK

Pastor Bruce will present the fourth message in his series

### TUESDAY ONLINE ZOOM STUDY & PRAYER

Is canceled for the summer and will resume in the fall

### NEIGHBORHOOD WALK – TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Meet at church at 6pm, then venture out into the neighborhood and invite friends to church.

### FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHT

June 28 @ 6:30pm. Snacks and drinks provided. The movie will be announced.

### MEN’S BREAKFAST – SATURDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>

Meet at Roseville City Church at 9am for food and fellowship. Their address is 125 Franklin street in Roseville.

### PICNIC IN THE PARK AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30

Hillcrest Church and Roseville City Church are partnering to do a community BBQ. Invite a friend!

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL – SEPTEMBER 14, 6:15PM

Join us at Garbolino Park for an ice cream event! Enjoy the fellowship and bring a friend.

# *Welcome*

*to*

# *Hillcrest Church*

  

# *Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness!*

*For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.*

*Galatians 5:13*

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