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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

Who, Who!

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The story is told of a couple of taxidermists who were walking down the street one day. As they passed by a sporting goods store, they looked in the window and noticed an owl on display.

The instant these two "experts" saw the owl, they began to criticize the way it apparently had been mounted. Its eyes didn't look life like, its wings weren't in proportion with its head, its feathers weren't neatly arranged, and its talons weren't curved in a natural form.

For several minutes, these men continued to find fault with the job some other taxidermist had done on what should have been a beautiful bird of prey, when suddenly...the owl turned its head and winked at them!

It's easy to be a critic, and once we start, it's hard to stop. Be careful not to get in the bad habit of criticizing the work and efforts of others. Not only can your critical attitude be harmful to others who are trying their best, it is also a miserable way to live your own life.

When you must criticize, temper it with praise.