

# How To Offer Criticism

(Galatians 6:1)

- Introduction:
1. In Galatians, the mature child of God is instructed to offer criticism or correction to others when needed.
  2. However, care must be given to offer this correction in the proper way.
    - a. The danger is that we can destroy them with our words rather than help (Proverbs 18:21).
    - b. We can also destroy ourselves by the attitude we adopt when we do the correcting (Galatians 6:1).
  3. The manner in which we speak to a person is often as important as the substance of what we say.
  4. This lesson will offer suggestions that will help us to offer correction and criticism in the proper way.

## I. Criticize The Action, Not The Person

- A. (Romans 7:13-25).
- B. (Psalm 25:7).

## II. Correct Someone In Private

- A. (John 21:15-20).
- B. (Acts 18:26).

## III. Don't Exaggerate

- A. Words like, "always," and "never" are usually untrue and give a person reason to reject what you are trying to communicate.
- B. (Titus 2:8).
- C. (Titus 2:15).

## IV. Consider Your Motives

- A. (Galatians 6:1).
- B. The purpose of correction or criticism should be to help a person, not to "twist a knife."

## V. Realize Criticism Is Not A Talent

- A. Be known for better things!
- B. (Romans 14:19).
- C. (Acts 4:36).

- Conclusion:
1. Because we're all imperfect, we need instruction on how to give and how to receive correction and criticism.
  2. With a proper attitude, we can help one another to mature and prepare ourselves for eternity.