

Title: A Critical Attitude

Text: Mk. 3:1-5

Challenge: We Ought To Build Up Others Instead Of Tearing Them Down

I. WHAT THE PRACTICE OF CRITICIZING OTHERS CAN DO TO THEM

Being critical...

1. Can devastate the feelings of someone
2. Can diminish the self-image of someone
3. Can destroy the potential of someone
4. Can damage someone in a permanent way

II. WHAT THE PROBLEM IS WHEN A PERSON DISPLAYS A CRITICAL ATTITUDE

When a person is critical...

1. He is setting himself up as a judge
2. He usually has a problem with pride
3. He usually fails to deal with others in love

III. WHAT THE PRACTICE OF CRITICIZING OTHERS WILL DO TO THE CRITIC

Criticizing others...

1. Will prevent those who practice it from being blessed
2. Will lead those who practice it to become self-righteous and proud

IV. WHAT THE PRESCRIPTION IS FOR A CRITICAL ATTITUDE

The cure ...

1. Is to acknowledge the sin it involves and repent of it
2. Is to learn to look at others and see their good instead of their faults