

The following was taken from David L. Phillips as it appeared in the E. Peoria church of Christ bulletin. I felt it worth reprinting; call it preventative spiritual medicine.

It is natural and even right at times to criticize one another (Gal. 6:1-2; 2Tim. 2:24; 4:1-2). It would be unrealistic to think that we would always agree with one another. However, there are circumstances under which we should refrain from criticizing one another. Consider these texts: Mt. 7:1-5; Rom. 15:1-5; 1Cor. 13:4-7; Jas. 5: 19-20. Season your criticism with these guidelines.

1. Do not criticize if you are not committed to me.
2. Do not criticize if you are not part of the solution.
3. Do not criticize if you do not have my best interests at heart.
4. Do not criticize if you have not listened to what I have to say.
5. Do not criticize if you do not know what you are talking about.
6. Do not criticize if you reject me.
7. Do not criticize if you are biased and prejudiced.
8. Do not criticize if you are unwilling to be criticized
9. Do not criticize if you are angry.
10. Do not criticize if you are being trivial.
11. Do not criticize if you are unwilling to own up to your criticism.
12. Do not criticize if you are usurping authority.
13. Do not criticize if you are not willing to also look at the positive things I am doing.
14. Do not criticize if you do not find it absolutely necessary.

Everyone has been so encouraging and supportive since our coming in November. Let's keep up the good work!

See you Sunday!  
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