

THE BEACON BEAM

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TIMELESS TRUTH

How Can I Overcome Having a Critical Spirit (Taken from GotQuestions.org)

A critical spirit is not difficult to recognize. Its fruit is usually evident. Someone with a critical spirit is prone to complaining, seeing the glass as half-empty, ruing unmet expectations, sensing failure (in others more than in oneself), and being judgmental. Critical spirits are no fun to be around; neither are they fun to possess.

As with most sin, having a critical spirit is a perversion of something God made to be good—in this case, a longing for God and His perfection. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "[God] has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." We live in a fallen world, and we are often impatient to enter into the glorious perfection for which we were originally created. In a sense, it is good that we can see what's lacking in this world; after all, the world is not as it should be, nor are we as we should be. Recognizing the world's insufficiency helps us to acknowledge our need of a Savior. But having a critical spirit

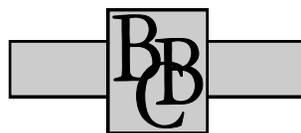
can blind us to the grace and beauty that God continues to bestow every day. A critical spirit can also be seen as a perversion of discernment. Often, those accused of having a critical spirit make valid points. They just make their points in an unpalatable manner.

Obviously, critical spirits are destructive, tearing down both the recipient and the giver of the criticisms (Galatians 5:14-15). The Bible speaks against such critical judgment. In Matthew 7:1-2 Jesus says, "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you." Jesus is *not* saying that we should not be discerning or that we should ignore the fallen nature of the world. He is also not saying that we must never, under any circumstance, criticize anyone else. In fact, the Bible tells us that we are to judge rightly (John 7:24). However, we are not to criticize with malicious intent or out of pride, hypocrisy, or self-righteousness. We cannot assume that we are impartial or that we can fairly

exact our standards on others. Humans have naturally deceitful hearts (Jeremiah 17:9) that allow for blind spots and inappropriate comparisons. Only God can judge with perfect accuracy (Hebrews 4:12; James 4:11-12; 1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Isaiah 11:4; Revelation 19:11). And our discernment is only valid when it is informed by a renewed nature in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:14-16; John 16:13). Only when we are submitted to Christ and honest with ourselves will our judgment serve to edify rather than destroy.

So how do we overcome a critical spirit? The condition of our heart is crucial. Luke 6:45 says, "The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." Critical words spring from a critical heart. And a critical heart generally comes from a misunderstanding of God's grace—either due to pride or a simple lack of information about God's character and the meaning of salvation.

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Morning Worship...9:30 AM
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Evening Worship.....6:00 PM

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Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM
IMPACT Clubs.....7:00 PM
Teen Ministry.....7:00 PM

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Only when we understand our depravity apart from God and the depth of His grace will we be able to bestow grace to others (Romans 3:23; 6:23; Colossians 2:13-15; Ephesians 2:1-10). Those who struggle with a critical spirit know that they can never live up to their own standards. They are constantly judging others and themselves and always coming up lacking. But Christ fills this lack! He is perfect and righteous, and He freely grants that righteousness to those who believe in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). The better we understand God's grace, the more gracious we will be with others (1 Peter 2:1-3). And the more grateful we will be. The giving of thanks is a strong antidote to a critical spirit.

Another important area is our thought lives (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 10:5). Rather than focus on what is missing, we should think about what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). This is not to say that we should ignore falsehood, injustice, ugliness, or imperfection. However, we should not dwell on the negatives. Paul instructed the Ephesians regarding this, "We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ . . . so that (the body) builds itself up in love. . . . Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion,

that it may give grace to those who hear. . . . Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:15-16, 29, 31-32). Sure, things could be better than they are, but love covers many sins (Proverbs 10:12). Forgiveness is a priority. As the Body of Christ, we speak out of a heart of love in order to build each other up. A critical spirit only serves to tear down (Ephesians 4:1-3; Galatians 6:1-5).

It can also be helpful to remind ourselves that we do not know the thoughts and intentions of others. At times, behavior reflects motivation, but not always. Before making a critical remark (whether aloud or to ourselves), we should pause and consider other possibilities. Is this person truly an uncaring jerk, or is he perhaps going through a difficult situation and in need of grace? The Golden Rule is a very helpful tool.

A critical spirit tears down those around us and robs us of our own ability to enjoy life. When we become overly critical, we miss out on the beauty that God has placed in this world. Small blessings go unnoticed, and we stop being thankful. Overcoming a critical spirit requires gratefulness, a willingness to forgive,

an accurate understanding of God's grace (it's free!), an intentional refocusing of our thoughts, and a commitment to share the truth in love. Overcoming a critical spirit is a matter of sanctification, and we have the Holy Spirit's help with that (2 Thessalonians 2:13). As we submit to God, read His Word, and pray for grace, we will find that the critical spirit gives up control to the Holy Spirit of Christ.

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As believers, our words and our lives are to reflect God's grace. We are to give grace to others instead of the grief that comes from a critical spirit. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."

Our words are to be encouraging, uplifting and instructive even when it is corrective. We are to be "kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

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MORE MUSINGS

by Greg Barkman

As summer turns slowly into fall, I continue to enjoy biking. It is now impossible to ride in the morning, as darkness has slowly gobbled up the early daylight, but I still get out as often as I am able later in the day. I can't complete as many rides per week as I did during summer's morning rides, but the benefits of riding are too great to relinquish completely, as both body and mind thrive with this particular exercise. Many thoughts compete for attention as my legs pump to the rhythm of tires on asphalt.

AMERICAN WORK ETHIC. America has been known as a nation of hard working people. What is sometimes called the American Work ethic, has also been termed, in times past, the Protestant Work Ethic, as well as the Puritan Work Ethic. The reason should be obvious. Work is a gift from God, given to us for our welfare, and Bible-believing people understand the value of work. God is a worker, and we who are made in His image are created to work as well. Some have mistakenly believed that work is the consequence of sin, God's curse for disobedience, but that is wrong. God gave work to Adam in Eden before the fall. True, everything became more difficult as a result of sin, but work itself is a blessing, not a curse. People thrive when they work regularly, and decline physically, mentally, and spiritually when they don't. One of the problems in America today is the growing numbers of people who avoid work. That can only result in societal decline.

As I cycle through the roads around my home, I see a thriving workforce. Whether it is the construction worker who begins at 6:30, and puts in ten or twelve hours, or the factory or warehouse employee who labors for an eight hour shift, or the truck driver who delivers goods produced by American farms and factories, it is clear that the American work ethic is not dead. There are millions

of hard working people in our country. It would be a blessing to individuals as well as to our nation as a whole if we could put more people to work. Work is good. Work is noble. Work is healthy. Work is a divine blessing.

BOYS AND THEIR TOYS. Early on, when I heard a loud vehicle coming up behind me, I assumed it was a Semi, but time taught me differently. The loudest vehicles are not the Semi's, but the Ford, Chevrolet, and Dodge pick-ups that accost me with their over-sized knobby tires, and powerful growling V-8's augmented by after-market mufflers. Why do grown men delight in having the biggest, baddest, loudest truck on the road? I've concluded that most men are still little boys at heart when it comes to machinery. The louder the better. It makes boys feel like men, and men feel like prize fighters. Now that I know what to expect, I enjoy listening to the approaching monsters, and watch them pass me with a blaring flourish. Enjoy yourselves, mighty men. I know you are headed to a hard day's work, and I'm glad you can enjoy your ride and its loudly announced arrival. It's a small pleasure to savor before you begin a long, grueling day, earning your bread by the sweat of your brow.

But this also demonstrates that there really is a fundamental difference between male and female. Many today endeavor to erase that distinction, even denying that it exists. But there it is, for all the world to see. Parents recognize this early on. Little boys are clearly different from little girls. Girls generally like to do "girly" things, and boys prefer a different array of activities. Girls like dolls, dresses, bows, and mostly quiet activities, whereas boys like trucks, lawnmowers, hand tools, and anything loud. Once, when our girls were young, two of their male cousins came to visit. Cherith came inside to take a break from the activities

in the yard. "How do you like playing with your cousins," Marti asked? "Oh, they're just too 'boydy'", Cherith replied. Indeed. Boys will be boys.

AMERICAN INDUSTRY. America's manufacturing capacity has long been the envy of the world. Sadly, a great many factories have now moved overseas. There are doubtless many factors contributing to this shift, but I have my opinion about at least one of the reasons.

When I was a boy, nearly all the cars in my town were made in America. General Motors was king, followed closely by Ford, with Chrysler not far behind. There were a few smaller companies as well, such as Nash, Hudson, Studebaker, and so forth. Foreign cars were rare. Volkswagen eventually started importing Beetles, but except for a few exotic models, like Jaguar and Rolls, the roads of America were completely filled with American cars. Boys argued about whether Chevys or Fords were better. Foreign makes never even entered the discussion. I still remember the first Toyota I saw around 1965. It was a strange looking machine, and didn't catch on for a good many years. But slowly, things started to change, and now American cars are the minority, though American trucks still dominate the field. What happened? I think it is primarily a matter of quality. At first, Japanese cars were of lower quality. I can remember when Americans thought everything Japanese was cheap junk, but no more. Little by little, Japanese brands like Toyota learned how to make quality vehicles that appealed to the American public. Those who bought them learned that they lasted longer and were less expensive to maintain than their American counterparts. Americans continued to purchase domestic for a while, in spite of the higher cost of ownership. Patriotic loyalties provided strong

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incentives. But after taking their American cars to the shop too often for repairs, while less patriotic neighbors splurged on luxury vacations with the money they saved driving Toyotas, eventually, Honda, Nissan, Toyota, and more recently Hyundai and Kia began to fill the driveways of America.

Years ago, Ford launched a new initiative for excellence. "Quality is Job Number One," they declared, and I applauded. Yes! Finally, Ford will recapture a larger share of the market. Unfortunately, this initiative lasted only two or three years, and soon a new slogan took its place. Apparently "quality" was more an advertising cliché than a serious commitment to excellence. Quality began to slide and inevitably, so did sales. Is this really so hard to figure out? Are CEO's so shortsighted as to value quick profits generated by shortcuts more highly than building and maintaining a reputation for quality, which generates greater sales in the long haul? Apparently so. American manufacturers appear to be too greedy for a quick buck to realize that they are ultimately only hurting themselves. Grab

those greenbacks now, and who cares about next year, or next decade? Sadly, we can see the results on the streets of America. Ford has stopped making sedans altogether, since more profit per unit can be made on SUV's and pick-ups. Wonderful! And how long until the Japanese and Koreans learn to make better SUV's and pick-ups? In truth, it's already happening. Have you noticed how many SUV's and pick-ups are made by Toyota? I'm afraid it won't be long until Ford, Chevy, and Dodge will be completely swallowed up by Toyota, Nissan, and Honda.

Is there a lesson in all of this? I think there is. In all of life, excellence outperforms glitz in the long-run, though glitz looks better short term. Doesn't anyone look down the road? This principle also applies to churches. How many glitzy mega churches have come and gone in Alamance County during the years I've lived here? Quite a few. Some, once the biggest church in town, no longer exist. So much for shortsighted thinking! But churches that stay faithful to the Word year after year have real staying power. True, they are seldom the biggest church around, but they are the ones that last

over the long haul.

It's interesting to realize how many lessons about life one can learn while peddling a bike, but even more by meditating upon God's eternal Word.

BEFORE AND DURING THE CALL

It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear (Isaiah 65:24). Quick work this! The Lord hears us before we call and often answers us in the same speedy manner. Foreseeing our needs and our prayers, He so arranges providence that before the need actually arises He has supplied it, before the trial assails us He has armed us against it. This is the promptitude of omniscience, and we have often seen it exercised. Before we dreamed of the affliction which was coming, the strong consolation which was to sustain us under it had arrived. What a prayer-answering God we have! The second clause suggests the telephone. Though God be in heaven and we upon earth, yet He makes our word, like His own word, to travel very swiftly. When we pray aright we speak into the ear of God. Our gracious Mediator presents our petitions at once, and the great Father hears them and smiles upon them. Grand praying this! Who would not be much in prayer when he knows that he has the ear of the King of kings? This day I will pray in faith, not only believing that I shall be heard, but that I am heard; not only that I shall be answered, but that I have the answer already. Holy Spirit, help me in this!

—C. H. Spurgeon

On The Feminine Side

by Marti Barkman

It's been barely three weeks since I sat at this desk and happily wrote about our summer days here on Jim Minor Road. It seems it's been a year. Many of you who read this page in the Beacon Beam are already aware of the event that took place in our family a week ago today, September 7th, when our youngest daughter, Jessica Yelverton, had a seizure. This astounding and completely unexpected event was followed by immediate hospitalization, scans, an MRI, and biopsy. We now know she has a brain tumor, inoperable because of the location. As of this writing we are waiting on the report from the team at Duke, but we know she will be facing some rigorous treatments.

Having come to the end of the summer electives, our Sunday School classes had just returned to our regular groups. My class began a series titled "Flourish", with the subtitle "How the love of Christ frees us from self-focus."* I wondered, after the introductory lesson, if I should even be teaching this study, my own record of self-focus being, should I have to guess, one of the worst in the class. I think many of us left class that first Sunday with a desire to be free and flourishing when we complete this little book, but painfully aware of the task ahead.

And then, just seventy-two hours later, I felt I'd just completed a crash-course! Finding out that your child has a serious medical condition can shift the focus of your entire being, and swiftly. Had I suddenly learned the secret to ridding my heart of a misplaced love? Was I ready to say, "I got this!"" I wish that were true, but that is not what transpired. Like

the variant strain of a virus that learns to attack the body by working its way around the vaccinated strain, my sinful selfish heart began to find new ways to focus on self, a new reason for self-love.

Is there any hope for a heart like this? Yes, but only by finding and addressing the root cause. After Jesus Christ returned to heaven, when his work of redemption had been accomplished, we entered the time he had referred to as 'the last days'. It's almost shocking to read Paul's description of these days (II Timothy 3) and see how distressingly familiar it sounds: "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power."

Read it this way: **BUT KNOW THIS! Perilous times WILL come and this is why: Men will love themselves!** And now, read again that long list of sinful traits and see the common element—misplaced love. We are in peril because we love ourselves. We are in deep distress because our focus is on self. Those perilous times are here! And what is the result? "We are always conformed to what we focus on."* It's a tragic circle. This is who we are by nature, and this person, being the object of our constant attention, reinforces in us these destructive traits.

How do we take the focus off self? By replacing it with SOME-ONE better, thoughts of the only One who can **transform** our minds and set us free of the prison of self. His opinion of us is the one that matters. When He becomes our reason for living, our true identity, our lives can echo Paul's words: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me! (Gal.2:20).

**Flourish*: Lydia Brownback, Crossway Books

One of the thought habits that get us in trouble is our concern with what others think of us. As someone said, "Don't worry about what others think of you. They don't." And why is that? They are thinking of themselves.

A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S CARE FOR HIS OWN (PSALM 71)

by

Bob LaTour

God cares for His own from before their birth and beyond their death.

Verse 5-6: "For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are *my trust from my youth*. By You I have been *upheld from birth*; You are He who *took me out of my mother's womb*. My praise shall be continually of You. "God knows us before we know anything. Even before conscious life, the care of God is over His chosen" (Spurgeon). The history of every believer is dotted with notable mile-markers of God's grace and His goodness. Our entire life's journey is in the hands of the Almighty: Isaiah 46:3-4 "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me *from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you*. I have made, and will bear; I will carry and will save. To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike?" **God initiates our birth:** In Psalm 139:16 David wrote, "Your eyes saw my substance, *being yet unformed*. And in Your book they all were written, *The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them*." **God upholds our life:** Job 12:10 "In his hand is the *life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind*." The reference is to Jehovah. **God appoints the day of our Homegoing:** Speaking of mankind in general, the author of Job wrote, "Since *his days are determined, The number of his months is with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass*" (14:5; Ephesians 1:1-2:10).

Have you ever wondered how the unsaved cope with death? Christians

should see it as the doorway to "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away,

It should be among our day-thoughts and night-thoughts, to remember the flight of time, the changeful character of earthly things, the brevity both of joy and sorrow, the preciousness of life, our utter powerlessness to recall the hours once flown, and the irresistible approach of eternity.

Charles Spurgeon

reserved in heaven for us" (I Peter 1:4). For believers facing death, there is that paradox of longing for heaven, but dreading the thought of leaving loved ones. And for those loved ones, death brings both the bitter sweetness of present sorrow and the joyful anticipation of future reunion. When my father-in-law went Home, I wrote "Grace Alone." *I sought to ease the heartache felt O'er loved ones snatched from out of time. I pitied homes that death had touched, But then life's foe invaded mine! The words of love and themes of hope That seemed so right for other's woes Fell strangely then upon my ears As I endured deep sorrow's throes. Though loved ones eased the weight of grief, And I, in turn, held*

them more dear, 'Twas grace alone that let me see The paradox of joy 'midst tears. Assurance over doubts prevailed Though clouds of anguish lingered o'er. Faith's unseen beacon cast its glow, And shed God's peace on me once more.

Praise should flow freely and fully from a grateful heart and from a mindset that longs to glorify God. Verse 8: "Let my mouth be filled with Your praise And with Your glory *all the day*." Beloved, those whose hope is in the Lord have treasures of the heart—memories of God's blessing, grace and mercy even in the midst of trying times. Believers know the final chapter of the autobiography that each of us is writing. It is entitled "Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory!"

Our own dwindling physical and mental capacities should drive us to petition for special grace. Verse 9: "Do not cast me off in the time of *old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails*." "It is not unnatural or improper for a man who sees old age coming upon him to *pray for special grace, and special strength*, to enable him to meet what he cannot ward off, and what he cannot but dread..." (Albert Barnes; the weakening of our bodies). Our anchor during these changes is that God has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. The Amplified version of Hebrews 13:5 places abundant emphasis upon God's promise to remain faithful. It reads, "He has said, 'I will never (under any circumstances) desert you (nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor

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will I in any degree leave you helpless), nor will I forsake or let you down or relax My hold on you (assuredly not)!” (The emphasis is for OUR benefit, not God’s!)

With age should come increased hope and praise as we “acknowledge Him in all our ways.” Verses 14-16 “But *I will hope continually*, and will praise You yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness And Your salvation *all the day*, For I do not know their limits. I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.” Each day is one step closer to that appointed time when faith becomes sight, hope becomes reality and Love welcomes us to our eternal Home. Our praise for God should demonstrate growing knowledge of Who He is and confidence in what He has done for us through Christ. God grants power to persevere in our faith and to testify of His righteousness.

Our desire should be to leave a legacy that points others to God

through Christ. Verses 17-18: “O God, You have taught ME *from my youth*; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works. Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, *do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to THIS generation*, Your power to everyone who is to come. It was a comfort to the psalmist to remember his spiritual history. He desired a lengthening of days so that he could continue to declare the might and the mercy of God to the next generation. He would leave a record for the yet unborn to read, much like Abel. “By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and *through it he being dead still speaks*” (Hebrews 11:4).

For years I have challenged young people to learn God’s Word in their heads; to love God’s Word in their hearts, to live God’s Word in their habits and to leave God’s Word in their history. In Psalm 71 David mentions that in his personal journey from birth to becoming old and gray headed, God has been with Him and

sustained him. What a reassuring truth that God upholds our breath and ordains our steps throughout this life and into eternity. I trust that as you reflect back on your life, you cannot help but proclaim, “Great is Thy faithfulness oh God my Father!”



THE BEACON BROADCAST

Monday thru Friday

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WKBA 1550 AM (Roanoke, VA)	10:00 a.m.
WKPA 1390 AM (Lynchburg, VA)	10:00 a.m.
WBAG 1150 AM (Burlington, NC)	12:15 p.m.
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BEACON HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER

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12 Coffee n' Courage
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13 IMPACT Clubs
17 Members Meeting
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20 IMPACT Clubs
21 Silver Saints
24 ESL
26 Coffee n' Courage
27 IMPACT Clubs
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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 Paul Holt
06 Carly Karns
08 Paul Ellis
09 Jack Lowe
 Christa Wilson
12 McKinnley Hinshaw
13 Dale Evans
14 Mollie Harmon
15 Martina Boudreault
17 Michael Wood
20 Darin Rhue
22 Ken Crumpton
23 Dolly Benesch
25 Henry Campbell
 Don Ingold
 Aimee McDorman
27 Denise Marley
28 Bob Hendry
29 Pam Faust
31 Carol Ann Barnt

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

15 Tim Easley
16 Jonathan Vaughn*

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We express our heartfelt sympathy to the families of:

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