

Are You Creating A Masterpiece? Part #2

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Your attitude colors EVERY aspect of your life... it's like your mind's paintbrush. Are you creating a Masterpiece or a Catastrophe?

Attitude is:

- An inward feeling expressed by outward behavior.
- A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something.
- Typically reflected in a person's behavior.

Philippians 2:5 (NLT) “You **must** have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”

Amos 7:7-8 (GNT)

Plumb-line A cord weighted with lead that is used in building to check that vertical structures are true. It is used symbolically to refer to the divine standard against which God, the builder of his people, tests and judges them.

Having a critical attitude... scorner:

- Contempt or disdain felt toward a person or object.
- To consider something despicable or unworthy.
- The state of being despised or dishonored:

“Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they’ve been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It’s an option. Impossible is not a declaration. It’s a dare. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing.”
~ Adidas ad in ESPN Magazine.

8 Characteristics of a Scornor (critical attitude)

1. **Proverbs 1:22** Scorners _____ **Delight** _____ in their scorning, and hate knowledge.
2. **Psalm 123:4** Scorners are at _____ **Ease** _____, lazy and won't help.
3. **Psalm 1:1** The scornful sit in their seat and _____ **They Point** _____ in judgement.
4. **Proverbs 21:24** “A proud *and* haughty man— “_____ **Scoffer** _____” is his name”
5. **Job 34:7-8** Scorners keep company with other _____ **Mockers** _____.
6. **Proverbs 13:1** “A scoffer does not listen to _____ **Rebuke** _____.”
7. **Proverbs 15:12** “A scoffer does not _____ **Love** _____ one who corrects him.”
8. **Job 12:4** Scorners like to _____ **Criticize** _____ upright men.

How To Treat A Scornor:

Proverbs 17:15 “Those who mock the poor insult their Maker; those who rejoice at the misfortune of others will be punished.”

Proverbs 19:25 “If you punish a mocker, the simpleminded will learn a lesson.” (people around are warned)

Proverbs 22:10 “Throw out the mocker, and contention will leave; Yes, fighting and insults will disappear.”

Proverbs 19:29 “Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And beatings for the backs of fools.”



Saul is a master scorner.
God knocks him off his horse to get his attention, he turns his life around.

The Bible is broken down into:

- **Commandments**
- **Promises**
- **Testimonies**

We learn by doctrines and then examples. Many learn better in story form.

2 Kings 22:1 Josiah is the last good king in Judah. He is 8 years old. He immediately walked in the ways of God.

- **Vs 3-6** Josiah restores the temple.
- **Vs 8-10** Josiah finds the Law for Judah and he reads it.
- **Vs 11-14** Josiah gets Judah in line (plumb line).
- **Vs 15-20** Huldah the prophetess speaks blessing on Judah because of King Josiah.

2 Kings 23:1 He read the Word of God to the people, cut a covenant with them, taught them to worship.

- **Vs 25** There was no king like him.

2 Chronicles 35:20-24

Josiah becomes critical of Egypt attacking Assyria. He interferes in their business. He picks up their offense. God warns Josiah through King Neco of Egypt. “Go home or you will be killed.” Josiah was so worked up that he wouldn’t hear God’s warning. It cost Josiah his life.

Proverbs 26:17 “Interfering in someone else’s argument is as foolish as yanking a dog’s ear.” (NLT)

“He who passes by *and* meddles in a quarrel not his own is *like* one who takes a dog by the ears.” (NKJ)

2 Kings 2:23-24 Teens critical of Elisha. Don’t mock the things of God. A critical spirit will only hurt you.

Good News

David – Saul was his King but Saul was jealous of David.

David kept his attitude in line with the plumb line (God’s Word)

- In 9 years, Saul tried to kill David 21 times.
- **1 Samuel 24:6** “I will not touch God’s anointed.”
- David ended up the next King of Israel.

Instead of being critical of people in authority over you and envious of their position, be happy you’re not responsible for everything they have to do. Instead of piling on complaints, thank them for what they do.

Overwhelm them with encouragement and appreciation! ~ Joyce Meyer

6 Ways To Be Free From Criticism:

1. Quit Criticizing **Yourself**.
 - a. Know that God loves you completely.
 - b. Many criticize others to feel better about themselves.
2. **Repent** for being critical of others.
3. Ask God to set a **Watch** at your mouth and convict you.
4. Pray to have ears to hear the **Truth** in situations.
5. Let the Word of God **Drive/Divide** this thing out of you.
6. Dedicate yourself to **Purity** and holiness.
 - a. **James 4:7-10** (MSG)