

## Life with Eeyore – Loving Difficult People: Critical People

Romans 5:8

Ecclesiastes 7:5

**Praise and criticism are windows to the heart.**

- **Praise** often reveals what people value the most.
- **Criticism** often reveals our deepest insecurities.

Romans 2:1

**How do we deal with critical people?**

**Wrong Response #1: Attack**

**Wrong Response #2: Withdraw**

**Right Response #1: Listen**

Proverbs 15:31

Proverbs 27:17

**Right Response #2: Answer**

Judges 8:1-3

**Right Response #3: Dismiss**

Evaluate the source of the criticism:

- Is this person usually **right**?
- Is this person usually **critical**?
- Is this person **wounded**?

Galatians 1:10 – *Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God?*