

Day 1 – Removing the Critical Spirit

Scripture

Matthew 7:3-5 – “Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”

Reflection

Jesus warns against nitpicking the faults of others while ignoring our own. A critical spirit magnifies small flaws in others but overlooks major ones in ourselves. This damages relationships and undermines our witness.

Illustration

A critical spirit can kill the joy and spirit within a church. I’ve heard stories of church fights and splits over minor disagreements, such as the type of roof to install, having a hat rack, the brand of hot dogs for VBS, and even toilet paper. None of these issues were kingdom issues, but misplaced criticism and judgment turned them into major problems.

Application

- Commit to praying for others instead of criticizing them.
- Before pointing out another’s weakness, ask: Have I dealt with my own?