

# III. CAUSES FOR A CRITICAL SPIRIT PART 2/2

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Walking Christian on Critical Spirit / Soul; Will; Mind; Counsel; Childhood; Spirit; Criticism

A look at our family dynamics, root causes of a critical spirit.

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A. WHAT WAS MODELED IN CHILDHOOD?

B. WHAT ARE CHILDHOOD WOUNDS?

C. WHAT IS THE CYCLE OF CRITICISM?

D. WHAT FAMILY DYNAMICS FOSTER A CRITICAL SPIRIT?

Job 15:2–3

Job 18:2–4

Job 20:2–3

Job 16:2

Colossians 3:21

## The Overly Controlled Critical Family

### • The Structure:

— The tone is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

— The emotional climate is \_\_\_\_\_.

— The parent (one or both) is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

— The value of family members is based on their \_\_\_\_\_.

— The love given within the family is \_\_\_\_\_.

— The child is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### • The Result:

The family members become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ... and can, by example, develop a critical spirit.

• **The Remedy:**

“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; \_\_\_\_\_, bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

Ephesians 1:4–5

**E. WHAT IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF A CRITICAL SPIRIT?**

Job 31:35–37

1 John 1:8–9

Genesis 3:12

Proverbs 11:2

**3 God-Given Inner Needs**

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Love—

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“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

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Significance—

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“I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me” (Psalm 57:2 ESV).

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Security—

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“Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge” (Proverbs 14:26).

**The Ultimate Need-Meeter**

**Why did God give us these deep inner needs, knowing that people and self-effort fail us?**

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- If a person or thing could meet all our needs, we wouldn't need God!
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Isaiah 58:11

Romans 7:24–25

- **L**\_\_\_\_\_— *“I [the Lord] have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness” (Jeremiah 31:3).*
- **S**\_\_\_\_\_— *“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’ ” (Jeremiah 29:11).*
- **S**\_\_\_\_\_— *“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged” (Deuteronomy 31:8).*

Philippians 4:19 makes it plain ...

**Wrong Belief:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ But the Bible says ...

Romans 2:1

**Right Belief:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ The Bible says ...

I Thessalonians 5:14–15

## F. HOW CAN YOU ESCAPE CRITICISM THROUGHOUT ETERNITY?

Job 19:25–27

Romans 8:1

## 4 POINTS TO CONSIDER TO ESCAPE A CRITICAL SPIRIT

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#1 GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU ... IS \_\_\_\_\_.

John 3:16–17

John 10:10 NKJV

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#2 YOUR PROBLEM ... IS \_\_\_\_\_.

James 4:17

Isaiah 59:2; Romans 6:23

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#3 GOD'S PROVISION FOR YOU ... IS THE \_\_\_\_\_.

Yes! Jesus died on the cross to personally pay the penalty for your sins. The Bible says ... “*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” Romans 5:8

John 14:6; Acts 16:31

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#4 YOUR PART ... IS \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 16:24–26

Ephesians 2:8–9