

When Critics Attack

2 Samuel 16:5-13; 19:16-23

To handle your critics, you must grow a thick skin, but nurture a forgiving heart

Grow a thick skin (16:5-8)

- Shimei was a relative of King Saul

- Shimei's attack on David included:
 - physical violence (6, 13)

 - biting criticism (7)

 - downright lies (8)

Nurture a forgiving heart (16:9-13; 19:16-23)

- Resist retaliation (16:9-10)

- Keep your focus on God (16:10)

- Maintain perspective (16:11)

- Let God be the judge (16:12)

- Ignore the slight (16:13)

- Accept confession as genuine (19:16-20)

- Resist retaliation (19:21-22)

- Forgive, and mean it (19:23)