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VISIT US SOON!

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M.

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PREACHING

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GOOD NEWS

00:00 AM EST NOVEMBER 26, 2005

Gospel Broadcasting Network will sign on at 00:00 EST, November 26, 2005, "Thanksgiving" weekend (Friday midnight). Those who have private large dish receivers or small KU dishes fixed on the GBN coordinates will be able to receive the network immediately upon its launch.

GBN, also, will be available through many cable providers. Subscribers may contact their local cable provider to see if the network will be carried and, if so, at what location on the dial—or, to request that the cable system carry the network.

Upon launch, viewers in the US, Canada, part of Central America, and the Caribbean may pick up the GBN signal; and the network will be streamed continually on the worldwide web at www.gbntv.org.

—C-BAND COORDINATES—

SATELLITE: Intelsat Americas 13 @ 121 degrees
west

POLARITY: Vertical, Transponder 20
Symbol Rate & FEC is 29.27 3/4 combined

Feed Type: Digicipher II

**Receivers (any of the following): DXR 4402X, 4500X,
4520X, 4400MD, or MPS (no IRTs) VCT, Virtual Channels and Authorization (if needed) available
by contacting OlympuSAT.**

Ku-Band Coordinates for the small dish, direct-to-home system will be published in the next GBN newsletter.

Those interested in obtaining one of these systems for their home, church building, etc., may call toll-free (800) 259-9006, for information and ordering. The price of the system is \$250, plus shipping (credit cards accepted). The KuBand coordinate are included with the system components and installation directions. The customer may choose to hire a local professional installer. This system meets FCC requirements as a small dish to comply with housing subdivision covenants.

[Editor's Note: If you would like to receive the GBN newsletter and/or make a financial contribution, please write to GBN, P.O. Box 23604, Chattanooga, TN 37422.]

BEFORE YOU CRITICIZE SOMEONE...

Matthew Martin

When I was younger (and more rambunctious) I used to jokingly say: *“Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, if they get mad, they’ll be a mile away...and barefoot.”* Yes I know that is not how the saying goes, but I was immature and full of stupid jokes (a lot like I am today, only with less hair).

It seems like everyone has an opinion about something. More than that, it seems like everyone has an opinion about **someone**. Everyone seems to know what someone is doing wrong, and how he should fix it. Everyone has an opinion, and a criticism. Consider this, however: Before you criticize someone, ask yourself these simple questions:

WHY AM I CRITICIZING?

What purpose is this criticism going to serve? Will it be more for my good or the one I am criticizing. Some people criticize because they think they could do a better job. That may be the case, but it is not a reason to criticize.

Others have said (I have heard this many times) that because it is their American right to *speak*, it is their American right to *criticize*. Well the government may say you have the right to speak, but Christ says: “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them...” (Matt. 7:12). You could have it read: “...whatsoever ye would that men should **say** unto you, **say** ye even so to them.”

WHEN AM I CRITICIZING?

You might think: “It does not matter when I criticize. If it hurts their feelings now it will hurt them next week.” That is not always true, especially when it comes to young people.

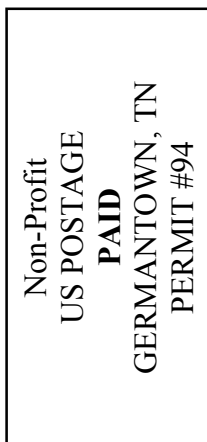
Imagine a young person has just performed in an elementary school play. Now he probably said a lot of things wrong and made a lot of mistakes. But the time to tell him that is not when he gets off the stage. That is when he is most vulnerable. Take *that* opportunity to tell him what he did *right*. Wait till later to help him correct his mistakes.

HOW AM I CRITICIZING?

Something that is commonly heard after a harsh criticism is “Well, I just said the truth!” The person who says this probably doesn’t know (or care) what Proverbs 15:1 says: “A soft answer turneth away wrath...”

A friendship can be snapped or strengthened, based on how the friends talk to one another. If you criticize harshly then the one you attack will only remember how mean you were, and will not think much about your opinion on the subject. A soft answer turns away wrath, but remember also the last part of that verse: “...grievous words stir up anger.”

Before you criticize someone, ask yourself why you are doing it. Ask yourself if it is the right time to do it. And if you have the right motive, and if the time is right, then make sure you criticize like a Christian.



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