

# WISDOM JOURNAL

## DAY 29

### SUBJECT: LIVING UNDER CRITICISM

I have learned that you will never escape receiving criticism. The more influential you become the more criticism you will receive. It's inevitable. **INFLUENCE ATTRACTS CRITICISM**. I didn't understand this while God was blessing me.

When the Lord blessed me with power (influence) outside of my limited circle I was also receiving tremendous criticism. My words were criticized. My actions were criticized. My teachings were criticized. My appearance was criticized.

I became angry while hearing these critiques, **NEVER** understanding why I was receiving them. In my prayer time while angry I told the Holy Spirit that I didn't ask for this level of harassment. The Holy Spirit calmly told me

that if I take away the criticism I'll have to **DILUTE** your influence.

When I heard these words I paused. The moment I paused I realized that the **PROOF** of influence is **SHOWN** in the level of criticism one receives. When I attained a deeper understanding I instantly changed my attitude.

I started thanking God instead of complaining to Him. Before I started pursuing ministry I asked God to make me powerful. I didn't know the burden I would have to carry with it. Please keep this in mind, **BE-CARFUL** what you ask for.

King Jesus was the most persecuted and harassed individual to walk the earth. He was constantly criticized. He was always under observation. The reason King Jesus went through the criticism that no other man could endure was because at one time the entire world was following Him.

John 12:19 says, *"So the Pharisees said to each other, "You can see that nothing is going right for us. Look! The whole world is following him."*

**TAKEAWAY:** You will never escape being criticized. As your influence **INCREASES** so will your criticism. Thank God for the influence while asking Him for strength to endure the criticism.

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