

# **50 Days of Praying Against Criticism**

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## **Christ's Object Lessons, Page 340-341**

Many who profess to gather with Christ are scattering from Him. **This is why the church is so weak. Many indulge freely in criticism and accusing.** By giving expression to suspicion, jealousy, and discontent, they yield themselves as instruments to Satan. Before they realize what they are doing, the adversary has through them accomplished his purpose. The impression of evil has been made, the shadow has been cast, the arrows of Satan have found their mark. Distrust, unbelief, and downright infidelity have fastened upon those who otherwise might have accepted Christ. Meanwhile the workers for Satan look complacently upon those whom they have driven to skepticism, and who are now hardened against reproof and entreaty. They flatter themselves that in comparison with these souls they are virtuous and righteous. They do not realize that these sad wrecks of character are the work of their own unbridled tongues and rebellious hearts. It is through their influence that these tempted ones have fallen.

## Day 1

### **Ephesians 4:29** (KJV)

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

- **Pray** for God to put sweet words into your mouth that will encourage people and draw them to Jesus Christ.
- **Pray** for God to build up your church by influencing all the conversations of the church members.

## Day 2

### **1 Peter 4:8** (NKJV)

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

- **Pray** for God to give you fervent love for everyone in your church, especially the people you don't naturally like.
- **Pray** for God to fill your church with so much love that all previous hurt and pain will be covered over.

### Day 3

#### **Proverbs 16:28** (NKJV)

A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends.

- **Pray** for God to keep you from sowing strife and pray for God to give you encouraging words to speak that will strengthen the bonds of friends and families.
- **Pray** for close friendships to be formed and maintained among the members of your church.

## Day 4

### **Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)**

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- **Pray** that all your words and your treatment of other people will honor your Creator.
- **Pray** for all church members to realize that when they criticize a person, they are actually criticizing God who created mankind in His image.

## Day 5

### **Romans 12:19** (NKJV)

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

- **Pray** for God to vindicate you as you choose not to retaliate when you are treated badly.
- **Pray** for God to take whatever actions He sees necessary to solve the wrongs in your church.

## Day 6

### **James 4:11** (NKJV)

Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

- **Pray** for God to change your thoughts so that you think and speak about people the way that God thinks and speaks about them.
- **Pray** for all evil speaking and judgmental attitudes to be removed from your church.



## Day 7

### **Proverbs 20:19** (NIV)

A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.

- **Pray** for God to make it clear to you if there are any conversations he wishes for you to avoid.
- **Pray** that your church will be a safe place that builds trust and keeps confidence.

## Day 8

### **Hebrews 10:23-25** (NIV)

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- **Pray** for God to give you the right words so that all your conversations will spur people on toward love and good deeds.
- **Pray** for God to accomplish His purpose in your church's worship services.

## Day 9

### **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 (NIV)**

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- **Pray** for God to use you today to provide encouragement to someone who needs building up.
- **Pray** for God to make your church the loving community that He desires it to be.

## Day 10

### **Proverbs 27:5-6 (KJV)**

Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

- **Pray** for God to give you humility and conviction so that you will be willing to accept an honest rebuke when you are in the wrong.
- **Pray** for God to remove all flattery and deception from your church.

## Day 11

### **James 3:3-6 (NIV)**

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

- **Pray** for God to guide every word you speak.
- **Pray** for your church to be guided by the Holy Spirit, not by the words of men.

## Day 12

### **Colossians 3:13** (NIV)

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

- **Pray** for God to give you a forgiving heart instead of a critical heart.
- **Pray** for your church to deal with grievances in a Biblical way.

## Day 13

### **1 Peter 4:9** (NKJV)

Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

- **Pray** for God to give you opportunities to be hospitable to people who need encouragement.
- **Pray** for your church to be a hospitable church instead of a grumbling church.

## Day 14

### **1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)**

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

- **Pray** for God to provide you with a way of escape every time you are tempted to criticize someone.
- **Pray** for God to deliver all church members from the temptation to speak evil of others.



## Day 15

### **Proverbs 20:22** (NKJV)

Do not say, “I will recompense evil”; Wait for the Lord, and He will save you.

- **Pray** for God to give you patience as you wait for Him to vindicate you.
- **Pray** for your all your church members to rely on God to reveal truth and recompense evil.

## Day 16

### **Psalm 142:1-2 (NKJV)**

I cry out to the Lord with my voice; With my voice to the Lord I make my supplication. I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.

- **Pray** to God, bringing all your complaints and troubles to God instead of bringing your complaints and troubles to people.
- **Pray** for your all your church to be blessed as members take their complaints directly to God.

## Day 17

### **1 Corinthians 13:1 (NKJV)**

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

- **Pray** for God to use you to give you the right words so that you express the love of Christ in every conversation.
- **Pray** for your church to have a heart of love for everyone.

## Day 18

### **James 2:4 (NIV)**

Have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

- **Pray** for God to reveal to you any prejudices that may be causing you to think wrongly about other people.
- **Pray** God to remove all racism, sexism, classism, ageism, favoritism, cliques and all other forms of discrimination from your church.

## Day 19

### **Galatians 5:15** (NIV)

If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

- **Pray** for God to give you grace to treat everyone with kindness.
- **Pray** for God to guard your church from devouring itself.

## Day 20

### **Proverbs 17:22** (NKJV)

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

- **Pray** for God to give you a merry heart instead of a critical attitude.
- **Pray** for your church to be healed through the medicine of happiness.

## Day 21

### **Galatians 6:1-2 (ESV)**

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- **Pray** for God to remove all pride, hypocrisy and feelings of superiority from your life.
- **Pray** for God to give your church leaders wisdom and gentleness in dealing with those who have fallen so that redemption and reconciliation may be accomplished.

## Day 22

### **Proverbs 26:20** (NIV)

Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down.

- **Pray** for God to use you to interrupt the cycle of criticism.
- **Pray** for all gossip in the church to end and for all quarrels to die.



## Day 23

### **Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

- **Pray** for God to give you love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and especially self-control.
- **Pray** for the fruit of the Spirit to be manifested in your church.

## Day 24

### **Philippians 2:1-3 (KJV)**

If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

- **Pray** for God to remove all strife and vainglory from your life and to replace all criticism with lowliness of mind and love.
- **Pray** for your church to be united by love and to be dedicated to selfless service.

## Day 25

### **Romans 15:1-2 (ESV)**

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

- **Pray** for God to give you patience, gentleness and forgiveness for those who are weak and have failed.
- **Pray** for your church to build up the weak, instead of criticizing the weak.

## Day 26

### **1 John 4:20** (NKJV)

If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

- **Pray** for God to give you loving thoughts and loving words for everyone.
- **Pray** for your church to demonstrate their love for God by speaking loving words about people.

## Day 27

### **Proverbs 14:15 (KJV)**

The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

- **Pray** for discernment so that you will not believe every critical word that you hear.
- **Pray** for your church to investigate truth before spreading rumors.

## Day 28

### **Romans 2:1 (NKJV)**

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

- **Pray** for God to remove all excuses, criticism and judgementalism from your life.
- **Pray** for your church to be a place of healing, not a place of judgementalism.

## Day 29

### **1 Timothy 5:19** (NKJV)

Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.

- **Pray** for God to give you wisdom and courage to defend your pastor and church leaders when unfounded accusations are made.
- **Pray** for God to protect your pastor and church leaders from false allegations.

## Day 30

### **Proverbs 18:17** (NKJV)

The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him.

- **Pray** for God to show you both sides of every story and to reveal the truth from His perspective.
- **Pray** that your church respond to all allegations with fairness and justice.



## Day 31

### **Matthew 5:21-22 (NKJV)**

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.”

- **Pray** for God to protect your emotions so that you never speak rashly or out of impulse.
- **Pray** for your church to complement and encourage people instead of insulting them.

## Day 32

### **Romans 14:1** (NIV)

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

- **Pray** for God to guard you from entering into arguments and quarrels.
- **Pray** for your church to be an emotionally safe place where people are encouraged and their faith is strengthened.

## Day 33

### **James 5:16** (NKJV)

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

- **Pray** for God to forgive you for anytime you have criticized others. Confess your spirit of criticism to the church.
- **Pray** for God to heal your church as church members repent and turn away from criticism.

## Day 34

### **Matthew 7:3** (NKJV)

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?

- **Pray** for God to reveal to you if any of your thoughts, words or actions are hurtful to others.
- **Pray** for God to remove all hypocrisy from your church.

## Day 35

### **Psalm 19:14** (KJV)

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

- **Pray** this text on behalf of yourself.
- **Pray** this text on behalf of your church.

**Day 36**

**Philippians 2:14 (KJV)**

Do all things without murmurings and disputings.

- **Pray** that God will give you grace to do all things without complaining.
- **Pray** that murmurings and disputings be removed from your church.

## Day 37

### **1 Timothy 5:17** (NKJV)

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

- **Pray** for God to give you opportunities to serve and honor your pastor and other church leaders.
- **Pray** for God to protect your church's pastor and other leaders from slander.

## Day 38

### **Proverbs 15:1-2 (KJV)**

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

- **Pray** for God to give you the right attitude when dealing with angry people.
- **Pray** for God to remove all grievous words and foolish talk from your church.



## Day 39

### **James 1:26** (NKJV)

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

- **Pray** for God to remove all self-deception from your heart.
- **Pray** for your church to be Christ-like, not just religious.

## Day 40

### **Revelation 14:1,5 (KJV)**

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads... And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

- **Pray** for God to remove all guile from your mouth.
- **Pray** for God to prepare all the members of your church to be found worthy by God's grace to be part of the 144,000.

## Day 41

### **Hebrews 13:17** (NIV)

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

- **Pray** for God to give you confidence in those He has placed in church leadership.
- **Pray** for your church to make your pastor's work a joy and not a burden.

## Day 42

### **John 3:17** (NKJV)

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

- **Pray** for God to give you his heart of love for those you are tempted to condemn.
- **Pray** for your church to become a place where people find salvation instead of condemnation.

## Day 43

### **Proverbs 22:10** (ESV)

Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarreling and abuse will cease.

- **Pray** for God to give you eyes to recognize all forms of abuse and wisdom to deal with those who are quarrelsome.
- **Pray** for God to give your church wisdom and tact when those who are stirring up trouble in the church need to be rebuked or removed.

## Day 44

### **Deuteronomy 19:15** (NKJV)

One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

- **Pray** for God to remove from your mind any false allegations or rumors that may have wrongly influenced you against others.
- **Pray** for God to stop all false allegations and rumors in your church.

## Day 45

### **Matthew 7:12 (KJV)**

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

- **Pray** for God to reveal to you how He wants you to treat people better.
- **Pray** for your church, that all members will follow the Golden Rule.

## Day 46

### **Exodus 23:1** (NKJV)

You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

- **Pray** for God to reveal to you any form of gossip that you may be involved in.
- **Pray** for all rumors and false reports within your church to be stopped.



## Day 47

### **Matthew 26:41** (NKJV)

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

- **Pray** that God will give you the willingness and the strength to only say and do what is right.
- **Pray** that your church will continually watch and pray.

## Day 48

### **John 13:35** (NKJV)

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- **Pray** for God to lead you into full discipleship.
- **Pray** for people in your community to see the love of Jesus Christ demonstrated in your church.

## Day 49

### **Proverbs 11:13 (NKJV)**

A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

- **Pray** for God to give you discernment so that you might know when a secret needs to be concealed.
- **Pray** for your church, that it will conceal what should remain secret without covering up what needs to be exposed.

## Day 50

### **Ephesians 4:31-32 (NKJV)**

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

- **Pray** for forgiveness and kindness to replace all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking in your life.
- **Pray** for your church to be known throughout your community for its kindness, tenderheartedness and forgiveness.

## **Christ's Object Lessons, Page 341**

It is only through the grace of God that we can make a right use of this endowment. There is nothing in us of ourselves by which we can influence others for good. If we realize our helplessness and our need of divine power, we shall not trust to ourselves. We know not what results a day, an hour, or a moment may determine, and never should we begin the day without committing our ways to our heavenly Father. His angels are appointed to watch over us, and if we put ourselves under their guardianship, then in every time of danger they will be at our right hand. When unconsciously we are in danger of exerting a wrong influence, the angels will be by our side, prompting us to a better course, choosing our words for us, and influencing our actions. Thus our influence may be a silent, unconscious, but mighty power in drawing others to Christ and the heavenly world.