

Are You Critical or Encouraging?

Everyone needs encouragement. We live by encouragement. Without it, dreams die, life seems hopeless and many people give up trying to achieve their goals. Most people do a better job when they are encouraged than they do when they are criticized.

Charles Spurgeon was a man known for his encouraging words. Spurgeon preached to around 10,000,000 people during his lifetime. He was a prolific author and pastor. In addition, he founded a college and started several charitable organizations.

Spurgeon's words continue to bring life to people today. "Every man needs a blind eye and a deaf ear, so when people applaud, you'll only hear half of it, and when people salute, you'll only see part of it. Believe only half the praise and half the criticism." What encouragement!

Surround yourself with those who will encourage you. You will live by what they deposit in you. Then, find someone you can encourage. Be a life giving source of encouragement for someone each day. By giving life away, you will find life!