

Sunday Celebration

Gathering

*Worship Songs

"A New Hallelujah Christmas"

"Everlasting"

Joys & Prayers

Offering & Tithe

Advent Moment

"Breath of Heaven"

Offering Song

"Come As You Are"

Scripture

Numbers 12:1-8 (NIV)

Message

Those Usual Suspects: Those Critical Ones Jack D. Cohen

*Response/Prayer Time

"Beneath the Waters"

*Closing



We hope that the worship service today has helped you know & grow closer to the Lord.
If you are visiting or have further questions & comments please fill out the Response Card
so we can connect with you.

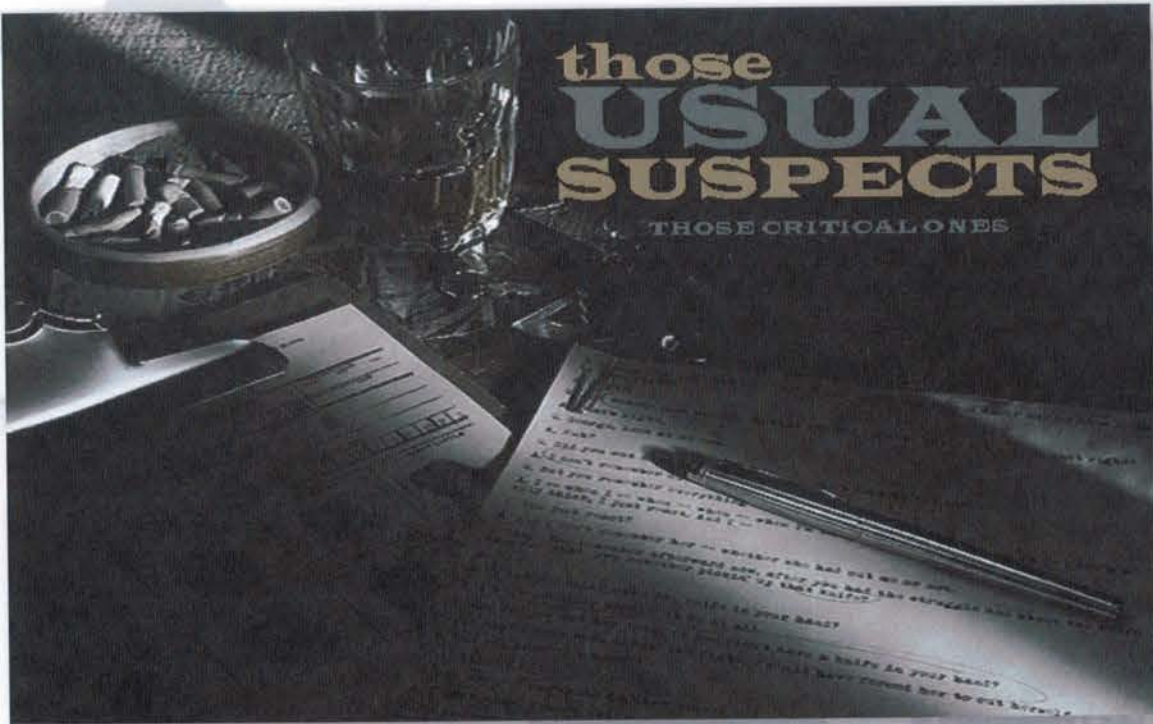
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Second Week in Advent



"Christlike communications are expressions of affection and not anger, truth and not fabrication, compassion and not contention, respect and not ridicule, counsel and not criticism, correction and not condemnation...They may be tender or they may be tough, but they must always be tempered."
— L. Lionel Kendrick



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THOSE CRITICAL ONES

- _____ & _____ criticized Moses → *Numbers 12:1-8*
- _____ criticized Paul for being a bad speaker → *2 Corinthians 10:10*
- _____ criticized Jesus for eating with _____ & _____ on the Sabbath → *Mark 2:16, Luke 13:14*

_____ & _____ are windows to one's heart

"It is better to be criticized by a wise person than to be praised by a fool!"
– Ecclesiastes 7:5 (NLT)

- Praise – _____
- Criticism – _____

Constructive criticism

- Never _____ the value of constructive criticism

"³¹ You If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise. ³² If you reject criticism, you only harm yourself..."
– Proverbs 15:31-32 (NLT)

Dealing with unjust criticism

- God, help me know when to _____ to criticism

"¹ Now the Ephraimites asked Gideon, "Why have you treated us like this?... And they criticized him sharply. ² But he answered them..."
– Judges 8:1-2a (NIV)

"...When the men of Ephraim heard Gideon's answer, they were no longer angry."
– Judges 8:3b (NIV)

- God, help me know when to _____ criticism

"²³ When they hurled their insults at [Jesus], he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."
– 1 Peter 2:23 (NIV)

- God, help me realize that I cannot _____ all people, but we can _____ God.

"⁴ For we speak as messengers who have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people."
– 1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)

- God, help me overcome my own _____

"²³ Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing."
– Proverbs 12:18 (NLT)