

WELCOME TO HAVEN

Welcome

Worship Songs

"Old Church Choir"

"I Know a Name"

Communion

"Love Like This"

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Romans 14:10, 12-13 (NIV)

Message

"Relationship Vampires: Count Condescendula". Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

"Your Great Name"

*Closing



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Relationship Vampires

DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO SUCK THE LIFE RIGHT OUT OF YOU



RELATIONSHIP VAMPIRES

COUNT CONDESCENDULA

"To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing."

— Aristotle

WINDOWS TO THE HEART

"It is better to be criticized by a wise person than to be praised by a fool!"

— Ecclesiastes 7:5 (NLT)

■ _____ — Often reveals what you _____ most

■ _____ — Often reveals your deepest _____

"How can you think of saying, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye?"

— Matthew 7:4 (NLT)

WRONG RESPONSES TO THE COUNT

■ _____ & _____

RIGHT RESPONSES TO THE COUNT

■ _____ — Often, you _____ respond

"When they hurled their insults at him [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

"A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense."

— Proverbs 19:11

■ _____ — Sometimes, you respond _____

"Now the Ephraimites asked Gideon, 'Why have you treated us like this? Why didn't you call us when you went to fight Midian?' And they challenged him vigorously. ² But he answered them ..."

— Judges 8:1-2

"... When the men of Ephraim heard Gideon's answer, their anger subsided."

— Judges 8:3 (NLT)

■ _____ — Occasionally, you _____ & make a _____

"If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise. ³² If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself ..."

— Proverbs 15:31-32 (NLT)

■ _____ — Regularly, you _____ & _____

"Jesus replied, 'Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be rooted up, so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind...they will both fall into a ditch.'"

— Matthew 15:13-14 (NLT)

■ _____ — Always, work to _____ your _____

"Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing."

— Proverbs 12:18 (NLT)

"So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ... ¹² Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. ¹³ So let's stop condemning each other. ..."

— Romans 14:10, 12-13 (NLT)