

Title: Christian Life Experiences

Subtitle: Unjust Criticism

Text: Luke 13:14-17

Date: May 19, 2019

Subject Matter: Criticism. Godliness. Slander.

1. Prepare _____ (v.14)

2. Be _____ (v.15-16)

3. Speak _____ (v.17)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **1 Peter 4:12--16**. Why is it so important to distinguish between the two kinds of opposition described in this passage? What have been some of the examples of each of these types in your life?
2. Read **2 Timothy 2:12**. What are some of the unfortunate tactics Christians often employ in seeking to avoid the reality of this axiom?
3. Read **Proverbs 26:4--5**. How do you know it is the right time to walk away from the critic without a verbal response?
4. Read **1 Peter 3:13--17**. When you discern it is the wise thing to respond, what are some of the ways you can be better prepared to answer the critics of your good theology and the godly behavior that so often offends them?
5. Read **1 Peter 2:15**. What specific good deeds do you think would tend to silence the critics of Christianity you periodically encounter in your weekly life?