

Crazy Expectations (Part 2)  
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Scripture References:

- Matthew 9:1-8, 12, 20-26, 32-38
- Mark 7:1, 2
- Mark 2:1-5, 17
- Luke 5:31
- Nehemiah 6:3
- Acts 3:1-8, MSG
- Mark 5:25-29
- Luke 8:43, 44
- Matthew 7:1-5, MSG
- Romans 14:10-12, MSG
- 2 Corinthians 1:24, MSG
- Galatians 6:1-3, MSG
- Jeremiah 3:2-4, MSG

Summary:

*God wants to bless us in all areas of our lives. He wants us to experience His best; however, some things that we do, such as finding fault with others, block those blessings. The root of fault-finding is blame, which is defined as avoiding taking responsibility for our actions. Faultfinders focus only on the small details but do not see the big picture; they reject people for not doing everything according to their expectations. During Jesus' ministry, there were plenty of people willing to criticize Him for what He did; we must take care not to fall into this category.*

Notes:

1. During His ministry, Jesus encountered plenty of criticism; He never let it stop Him. He had His mind focused on the harvest.
2. The scribes found fault with what Jesus was doing; they were more focused on complaining about Him and His contradictions to their opinions than on the miracles He did.
3. We can expect the same level of nit-picking from others that Jesus and His disciples met.
4. During Jesus' ministry, the friends of a paralyzed man removed part of a roof to lower the man down so Jesus could heal him; we need *that* kind of expectation.
5. We should tend to our own selves before criticizing others.

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