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Criticism

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As college students we are asked to do a lot of different things. We have many different classes, with teachers who have different teaching styles, and everyone of us is unique in their own way. Psychologists have proven that almost everyone learns in a different way, some have to have hands on experience to learn, while others can learn from watching, or listening to others tell how it's done. Each semester as a student you are presented with a new set of challenges, as you enter new courses and have new teachers to learn from. Another thing that is a factor in our learning abilities is how we were raised. All of us have had different lives, and each one of us is set in a patterned behavior. What may be offensive and rude to one person may not be offensive and rude to many other people. This is why we may run into problems in school, work, or play.

All of our teachers try to help us and let us learn from their wealth of knowledge, on the subject they teach. However, the way a professor teaches may not be the way that way we learn. Does this mean that the teacher is wrong, and may be a bad teacher? No not at all. Were all going to run into obstacles in our life, and we must learn how to deal with them. I know personally I have dropped a class due to the teachers style of teaching. I don't think the teacher is wrong at all or that there's something wrong with me, it's just one of those things that happens. Just because I can't learn from that teacher doesn't mean many others can't. I've also had friends suggest classes and teachers that they have absolutely loved. However, when I take the class I find the class dull and very hard to learn anything in.

Another obstacle we run into in school is, how a teacher criticize us. We all work very hard at school and think that we should get all A's for our hard work. However, I know we've all handed in a paper that we thought was the greatest thing ever, to have a teacher dissect the paper and tell us we were way off. I also know we've all had grades that we would disagree with. This all falls under learning style and personality traits. Some people get offended very easily and think that there teachers or friends are directly attacking them, when it is not the truth at all. Someone may say something to you that they think is perfectly justified and fine in their mind. However, when it comes out and you interpret the context you are truly offended and can't believe they would say something like that.

Each one of us uses words differently and everyone of us has a unique grammar style. What one person may say to explain an event or action, another person would use totally different words and structure to explain the same event or action. Miscommunication can be one of the biggest problems facing people today. I have found that by simply asking yourself were some ones heart is at can save a lot of missed cues by a lot of people. Take something someone says and try to interpret it the way they may have meant it. Remember there's always two sides to a story. If someone says something you just can't believe they would say stop for a minute and think of the person. Does this person want what's best for you? Are they a friend or trusted acquaintance? Are they someone who is usually very kind and nice? After answering those questions ask your self again, what is this person saying. Try to put it in your own words. If your still shocked ask this person what they meant, don't yell at them, ask nicely tell them maybe

you misunderstood. With good communication on both ends you can get through most anything.

Criticism can be taken very wrong, even when it's meant to help you. I'm sure all of us are guilty of criticizing someone at one time or another and having it taken the wrong way. Realize that in life people may say things that hurt you or make you feel stupid, but in all honesty that's not what they meant to do. Criticism is a tool that we can take and learn from. If we take the criticism we receive and learn from it, it can be very beneficial in our lives. Constructive criticism will always be part of our life, especially while were students. Take criticisms and build on them, don't let them get you down. Look at it like a challenge, a goal, or a task that you can and will accomplish.