



“KRITICAL” KINGDOM THINKING

Critical thinking is a type of reasonable, reflective thinking that is aimed at deciding what to believe or what to do. How to act and how to react as well as when and why and when and why not!! It is a way of deciding whether a claim is always true or sometimes true or partly true or false.

Different sources define critical thinking as: "reasonable, reflective thinking focused on deciding what to believe or do" or sometimes "thinking about thinking."

If you're a leader, you have to think like a leader. Leaders are critical thinkers. They think about thinking. They think ahead, and they plan and strategize. They think about what is best for the team and what is best for the vision. What is the most effective? What is true and untrue? Critical thinking involves searching deeper than the words but the heart of the matter and the individual. What looks good, not just to them, but through the eyes of others they are trying to lead and influence. They are thinking about what will produce impact and bring results. What is the fastest and most effective way to reach your destination goal or destiny, with the least amount of effort, energy and resources required?

Critical thinking clarifies goals, examines assumptions, discerns hidden values, evaluates evidence, accomplishes actions, and assesses conclusions. "Critical" as used in the expression "critical thinking" connotes involving skillful judgment as to truth, merit, substance and affect, etc. "Critical" in this context does not mean "disapproval" or "negative."

Now in the Kingdom, I'm not that interested in my own ideas, rather how I can access the wisdom not of this world, but the wisdom of the King. There is a huge difference in spiritual wisdom and worldly wisdom. How do I blend and benefit from both without polluting the pure with the profane? Where are my limits and boundaries and how do I discern me from Him? These are all important questions that require thought and attention. Can my emotions cloud my thoughts and negatively affect my thinking?

If I live by the Spirit and walk in the Spirit, I will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. He wants me to be led by the Spirit but not make foolish mistakes that I can avoid with proper planning. He doesn't want me spinning my wheels and working hard and not smart. He wants me to be effective, fruitful, fulfilled and not frustrated.

How and where do I start (a revelation/vision)? Where am I now? Where am I going? Are my goals realistic, attainable, concrete and measureable? How am I going to get there? Do I have a strategy? Do I have an action plan? I want to be an effective leader and a spiritual Kingdom “Kritical” thinker.



There is a huge difference between the Visionary and the Dreamer. They both sound a lot alike but the Visionary wakes up and makes his dreams become a reality. He or she goes to work and personally proves the theory.

Where do I begin?

1) Revelation in the heart of God - Seeking Him for my purpose, the vision and call He has for me now and in the future!

Habakkuk 2:1-4 KJV

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

2) To honestly evaluate where I am as well as where I am going and what are my gifts, talents, giftings, and God-given abilities? What are my weaknesses and strengths? Don't focus on past failures or successes.

Philippians 3:12-14 KJV

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

3) To honestly find my place and pursue my destiny from that place. The place God made for me with the proper support system in place; in proper spiritual alignment. Not just in the permissible will of God but His perfect will - by revelation and confirmation.

Romans 8:14-19 KJV

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.



4) To be sure I have laid a solid foundation of the Word in my life. Build on the Rock that is Christ and not sinking sand. The Lord builds the house.

- The word, prayer, placement in the body are all part of the natural outcome or fruit of being properly disciplined, rooted and grounded.
- Prayer is essential strategic prophetic prayer, targeted and fervent

James 5:16-18 KJV

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

5) To spend a season being properly mentored by someone who has been where you are going. Someone you can respect, submit and commit to. Someone who can and will speak into your life. Someone who can identify your potential and prepare, equip and empower you for your journey and spiritual destiny.

- Preferably someone with a five-fold gifting in a like or similar area. Someone who has produced fruit and has a proven track record of achievement in your area of interest and focus.

6) To understand your tools and methods and chart your course.

- To count the cost before you begin.

7) To set realistic and obtainable goals with a realistic timetable for their accomplishment.

- A man without a goal is like a ship without a rudder. Goals will help you chart your course, gauge your progress and help you encourage and exhort yourself along the way!

8) To learn to use organizational tools - day timer, planner and to do lists.

- Use sound business and spiritual principles. Strategic planning, practical concepts and common sense are all helpful and important in your journey.

9) To identify and cultivate your help and support team and professional help.

- Know that it's teamwork that makes the dream work!
- There is wisdom in a multitude of counselors. He is speaking of spiritual wisdom, spiritual counsel, not worldly wisdom. I select carefully those God has sent into my life. Those who He



has ordained. I cherish, honour and cultivate those relationships and carefully avoid the sister Suzy's and brother Billy's. I am looking for the divinely ordained relationships.

10) To set a clear action plan and mission statement. Be firm in your commitment and flexible in your attitude.

- Remember, we want to go from vision to mission and mission to strategy and strategy to action. Most people don't plan to fail. They fail to plan.

11) Don't over-steer and over-react. Be patient, understanding the process of growth and seed-time and harvest. First the seed / blade / kernel and the ear ready for harvest.

Isaiah 40:31 KJV But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

- Don't waiver in your faith but be humble enough to alter your course when you must.

James 1:6-8 KJV

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

12) Start hard and finish well! You are not finished until it is complete - don't stop short of the mark. You are never finished your assignment until you have trained and transitioned your replacement. It's not about working as hard as you can to the end. It is fruit and fruit that lasts from generation to generation.

- I cannot rely on others to affirm me. I must learn to encourage myself in The Lord. I can't expect them to fully understand me because they haven't seen what I've seen. I don't want to lean on the arm of my own understanding. I don't base my decisions on the present circumstances but hold fast to the vision. The vision of God will motivate you, energize you encourage you and keep you focused; if you will stay focused and faithful to the Vision.
- I want my confession before the King of Kings to be like the confession of the Apostle Paul in Acts 26:19.

Acts 26:19

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.

As a leader today who leads at the speed of change, in the midst of chaos and on the prophetic edge, I will not be able to avoid criticism. I must learn to eat the meat and spit out the bones, and positively benefit and grow from it. Not to let it overtake me, or cause me to become critical myself, knowing as



a forerunner there is conflict and I need to positively resolve it. I need to know that problems are not all bad. They are opportunities in disguise.

Remember there has never been a statue erected to a critic, but to the people they criticize, many statues have gone up.

Almost all men dream big dreams but the Visionary wakes up and makes his dreams become a reality. Most dreams are very alive in the revelatory realm and die in the place of practical application. It's in "Kritical" Kingdom thinking that we transition these revelations to reality.