**Criticism - Funnies**

**Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you’re a mile away and you have their shoes. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**When the pastor of a rural Tennessee church died, the congregation insisted that my uncle, the most senior deacon, take over until a replacement could be found. My uncle approached the first Sunday’s service reluctantly, expecting a lot of criticism at his feeble efforts to fill the pastor’s shoes. He did not, however, come unprepared. “How many of you have brought a pencil?” he asked immediately before services. Hands went up all over the auditorium. “And a piece of paper?” he continued. Envelopes, cards and grocery lists were waved aloft. “Good!” he exclaimed. “We are going to have a contest. I want you to listen very carefully this morning for any mistake I might make and write it down. Don’t hold anything back. The more critical your lists the better. The lists will be taken up at the end of the serviced.” He then fixed the congregation with a stern gaze and paused for effect. “And the one who has made the longest list,” he pronounced, “will win the Grand Prize – of getting to preach next Sunday.” *(Joe Prentis, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Some people criticize football players as being a special breed of people who love violence. Have these critics ever tried to get a hot dog at halftime? *(Bits & Pieces)***

Gary Kissel of San Diego went back to his executive post at Pacific Southwest Airlines after open-heart surgery but on slightly modified terms laid down by his doctors. When pressure began to build, Kissel sat back and beamed at one of his bosses. “My doctor,” he said quietly, “doesn’t allow me to receive criticism.” *(Neil Morgan, in San Diego Tribune)*

Lucy: “And you’re weak, and spineless and wishy-washy!” Linus: “She really took you apart, didn’t she, Charlie Brown?” Charlie Brown: “Uh, huh. Step by step, verse by verse and line by line.” Linus: “You sound like a victim of higher criticism!” *(Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)*

**Criticism of women drivers has diminished, now that you can’t tell whether the driver ahead is a woman. *(James Thom, in Nuggets)***

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