



Criticism

and



**If some bit
of gossip
comes,
File the
thing away;
If a
scandalous,
spicy crumb,
File the
thing away;
If suspicion
comes to
you
That your
neighbor is
not true,
~~File the
thing
away.~~**

**Do this for a
little while,**

**Gossip is
like mud
thrown on a
clean wall.
It may not
stick
but it always
leaves**





**Believe not
half you
hear;
repeat not
half you
believe;
when you
hear an
evil report,
halve it,
then quarter
it, & say**

**Beware of
a half-truth
--you may
have
gotten**

**Rumor is
the most
buoyant
thing there
is.
It is easy
to float
one**



**Gossip is one
form of crime
for which the
law**

**The
slanderer
differs from
the
assassin
only
in that he
murders
the
reputation**





**The critical
tongue
gets its
orders from
an untrained
eye,
an
unthoughtful
mind,**

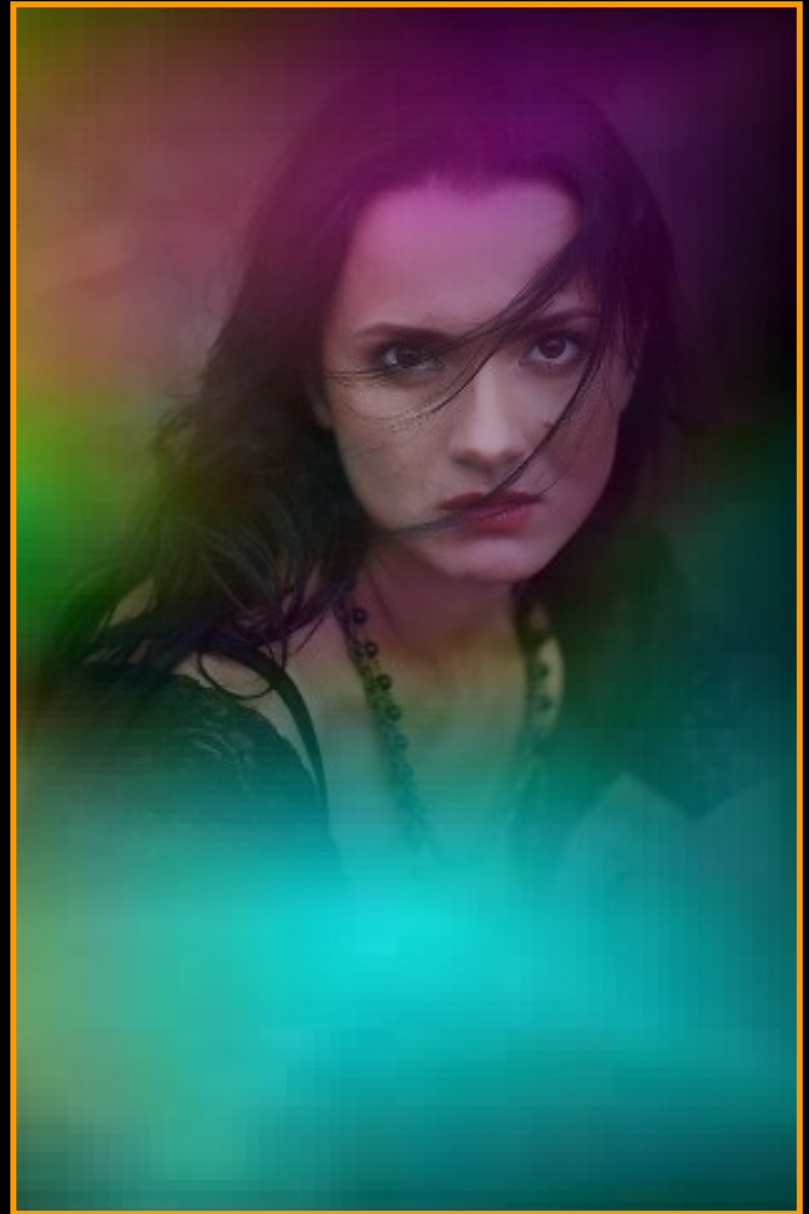
**You'll never
move up
if you're
continually
running**

**It is well to
remember
that
mansions in
the sky
cannot be
built out of
the**



A critical spirit comes from

**If you know
you're a
mess
yourself,
you don't go
around
criticizing
other people
for their
mistakes,
but if you
think you're
so righteous,
that's when
you start
picking**



**"I will speak ill of no man, not
even in a matter of truth,
but rather excuse the fault I
hear, &, upon proper
occasions,**

**—Benjamin
Franklin**

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