

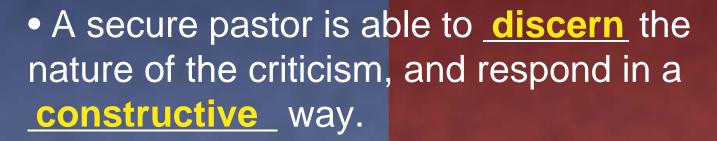
The Pastor and His Opposition

Opposition from Extended Family Members (Numbers 12)

•A secure pastor is able to

de-personalize the criticism, and
assess the real problem in a

non-defensive way.



• A secure pastor is able to <u>love</u> the rebel, even while <u>dealing firmly</u> with the rebellion.

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Opposition from the People (Numbers 14)

 A secure pastor is not afraid to be <u>transparent</u> and <u>vulnerable</u> before the people.

 A secure pastor deals with opposition first on his knees

He is jealous for God's reputation, not his own (vs. 16)

He calls upon God's strength, not his own (vs. 17)

He pleads God's mercy for the people, not for himself (vs. 19)

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Opposition from the Leaders (Numbers 16)

•A secure leader understands and operates under God's principle of delegated authority.

"No one is fit to be in authority until he has first learned to be under authority."

- Watchman Nee

 A secure leader doesn't need to defend himself.