David's Critic, Skeptic, and Naysayer

Introduction: Have you ever had a "naysayer" or a critic, or a skeptic? We can learn about answering those who are naysayers, or skeptics, or critics by looking at **1 Samuel 17**.

**I) Details**

**A) The battle arrangement, v. 1-3**

**B) The challenge, v. 4-9. 25.**

**C) The lack of response, v. 11, 16.**

**D) David's response, v. 26, 27**

**II) David's Naysayers**

**A) Eliab criticism of David, v. 28**

**B) Saul's skepticism of David, v. 33**

1. You cannot because you are a .

2. What about Saul's "men" and soldiers who were not "youths"? Why weren't they doing the job?

**C) Goliath's naysayer of David, 42-44**

**III) David's Respone**

**A) To Eliab, v. 29-30** .

**B) To Saul, v. 34-37** .

**C) To Goliath, v. 45-47** .

**IV) Lessons and Application**

**A) If you dare to do something hard or big, people will be like this**

1. We tried that before. It won't work. Why don't you mind your own business?

2. You are too young or too old. Too smart or not smart enough, etc.

**B) Often the biggest critics will be**

1. Eliab was David's .

2. Some of Jesus' greatest skeptics were . **John 7.5**

**C) We need to make sure we one another and not be the naysayers.**

1. Yes you can is a powerful message, **Phil. 4.13**

2. If God is for us who can be against us, **Romans 8.**

**D) The best way to answer is** , **Matthew 17.20**

Conclusion: Originally the skeptic was simply a person wanting to be persuaded by the evidence. A skeptic with an open mind is good. A critic willing to see the good and the bad can be fair. A naysayer needs to able to say yes at the right times. We need to examine the scriptures with an open mind. What is the will of God? What do I need to do?