

SHAKE OFF THE DUST

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If we do something which we prize -
Someone is apt to criticize.
Maybe they're jealous, insecure -
But they can make us feel unsure!

The poisons that these critics spread
Will often cause both guilt and dread.
*We don't retaliate or grieve -
We shake dust from our feet, and leave!*

This formula The Lord had taught
To His Disciples when they sought
To minister, and met rebuff -
Let God repay - it'll be enough!

Thus Jesus taught us to: *Not dwell
On hurtful words we can't dispel-
I'll handle it - your only show
Is: Shake it off and let it go!*

When criticized for doing good -
Let us behave as Jesus would :
*Did not answer His accusers -
Yet He prayed for His abusers!*

Then He (Jesus) called His twelve disciples and sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, Take nothing for the journey Whatever house you enter stay there And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, *shake off the very dust of your feet as a testimony against them.* "

Luke 9: 1-5 from The New King James Bible