

Freedom From Offense – 6 “A Defense Against Offense”

Intro: How to process our offense
Having a defense against offense

Luke 17:1-6 (KJV)

1. Importance of forgiveness
“If offense is the “trapstick”, unforgiveness is the spring-loaded bar of death.”
 2. Increase our faith? We have enough faith – just do it!
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[Because offense is so dangerous, we have in this chapter how to avoid and overcome.]

#1 vs. 7-10 (KJV) [A servant’s heart with no expectations]

“Expect nothing from no one, no time, nowhere.”
(I’m talking about people, not God)
(I’m not referring to covenants or contracts)

“People take offense at me when they expect something I can’t or won’t do.”

NO EXPECTATIONS - of recognition
- of compensation
- of appreciation

#2 vs. 11-19 (ref) (10 lepers)
vs. 15-19 (KJV)

#2 [Be thankful for everyone, every time, everywhere.]

“Quit stewing and chewing on the bad and start brewing a pot of thanksgiving.”

#3 vs. 20-27 (KJV) (the kingdom and days of Noah)

- #3 [Keep preparing, focused on the Kingdom.]
- Offense is a distraction from Kingdom business
 - Jesus is coming back
 - New heaven and new earth is coming
 - Keep building lives that glorify God
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#4 vs. 28-33 (KJV) (Lot’s wife)

#4 [Don’t look back]

Nurse / rehearse / Disperse
Philippians 3:13-14 (KJV)

#5 vs. 34-37 (one taken / one left)

#5 [God judges between us]

God rewards and repays
Romans 12:19 (KJV)

Vengeance is God's not mine.
II Timothy 4:13-18 (KJV)

Let it go means give it to God!

[Conclusion]

A good defense against offense

#1 A servant's heart with no expectations

#2 Be thankful

#3 Keep preparing, focused on the Kingdom

#4 Don't look back

#5 God judges between us
