

FREEDOM FROM OFFENSE - 7
"Walking in Forgiveness"

Offense = To ensnare / trap / trap stick / Cause of displeasure or sin

Luke 17:1-6 (NLT)

1. Offenses come
2. Woe unto him through whom they come
 - Actual offense - not imaginary or accidental
 - Not political correctness
 - Not personal preference
 - I have to now be politically correct or fearful of offending
 - Reading the bible is offensive in our culture
 - *This is referring to sinning and now causing others to sin
 - *This is MALICE (intent to hurt or harm)
3. Learn to forgive
 - If we don't forgive we are carriers of unforgiveness
 - Nurse / Rehearse / Disperse / God reverses in forgiveness

Matthew 18:1-5 (KJV)

- Who is greatest in the Kingdom?
- Little child? (self-centered? / immature?)
- I Corinthians 14:20 (KJV) - "Be not children in understanding; howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be ye men."
- NO MALICE
- HUMBLE (believe easily)

Matthew 18:6-10 (KJV)

- Cut off any source of sin in your life much less cause others to join in your sin
- (Hand / foot / or eye)

Matthew 18:11-14 (KJV)

- God's love for the lost and reaching them
- (Lost sheep)

Matthew 18:15-20 (KJV)

- Dealing with offenses among us
- Kingdom protocol

Matthew 18:21-35 (KJV)

- Forgiveness = releasing of debt (you owe me) (pay up)
- Forget? - You don't bring it up in word, deed, or thought (not spiritual amnesia)
- Trust? - By definition must be built
- Forgiveness is an action; trust is a place (restoration)

[Process of Forgiveness]

1. Receive my forgiveness of millions
2. Remember my freedom from debt
3. Release others who owe you
4. Refuse to go back to prison (tormentors)