

Growing Through Offences

Matthew 18:1–11

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INTRODUCTION

As born again Christians, we should never set out to be abrasive, unkind or intentionally hurtful... BUT we must also be careful not to be drawn into professing _____ just to keep the peace.

The truth of God's Word is an _____ to the Lost!

How can we grow to the point that we can _____ handle that which offends us?

I. The _____ of Offences (Matthew 18:7)

A "woe" in the Bible is a strong proclamation of impending hurt and _____.

A. Woe Through the _____

"because of offences"

B. Woe To the _____

"woe to that man by whom the offence cometh" – there is a _____ against those who offend.

II. The _____ of Offences (Matthew 18:7)

Matthew 18:7 *Woe unto the world because of offences! for it _____ that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!*

Our _____ causes all kinds of problems for one another.

III. The _____ of Offences

There really are _____ types of offences in the Word of God and each is determined by the context in which it is written.

A. There is _____ Offence

Matthew 18:6; Matthew 13:20–21

"Offended" means to be led away in the wrong direction, by putting a _____ in front of another!

To be offended spiritually, is to be led away from _____!

B. There is _____ Offence

Leading or _____ another to sin. Being a stumbling block in their life.

Matthew 18:8–9

Those things or people who tempt the weaknesses in our lives need to be _____.

C. There is _____ Offence

That which causes sorrow or _____ toward another.

Matthew 18:15–17

- We are to edify, encourage and exhort one another
- We are to be kind, tenderhearted and _____ toward one another

Galatians 6:10

IV. The _____ of Offences

A. Seek _____

Matthew 18:15–17 takes a head on approach!

Matthew 5:24 *Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be _____ to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*

Mark 11:25; Philippians 4:1–3

B. Stay _____

Psalm 119:165 *Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall _____ them.*

1. The Word Strengthens Our _____

Colossians 2:6–7

2. The Word Strengthens our _____

The more we know the word, the more we are able to _____ right from wrong.

Psalm 119:11

3. The Word Strengthens our _____

Only a mature Christian knows how to “_____!”

Galatians 1:10

- I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)
- I am not my own, I am bought with a _____ (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

MY NOTES
