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 lies just to keep the peace.

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

How can we grow to the point that we can maturely 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 destruction.

A. Woe Through the _____

"because of offences"

B. Woe To the _____

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

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

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

Our sinful nature causes all kinds of problems for one another.

III. The _____ of Offences

There really are three 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 stumbling block in front of another!

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

B. There is _____ Offence

Leading or tempting 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 cut out.

C. There is _____ Offence

That which causes sorrow or hurt toward another.

Matthew 18:15–17

- We are to edify, encourage and exhort one another
- We are to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving 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 reconciled 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 offend 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 discern right from wrong.

   Psalm 119:11

3. The Word Strengthens our _____

   Only a mature Christian knows how to "let it go!"

   Galatians 1:10

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

MY NOTES