

GIVE NO OFFENSE, TAKE NO OFFENSE

In order to live the **full, true, rich Christian life**, we must **give up all our rights and hurts** about being **offended** by others

➤ And, strive **not to give offense** to others

Offending

- ²*It would be better for him if a **millstone** were hung around his neck, and he were **thrown into the sea**, than that he should **offend** one of these **little ones**. (Luke 17:2)*
- ²¹*It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine **nor do anything** by which your **brother stumbles** or is **offended** or is made **weak**. (Romans 14:21)*
- ³²***Give no offense**, either to the **Jews** or to the **Greeks** or to the **church of God**, ³³*just as I also **please all men in all things**, not seeking my own profit, but the **profit of many**, that they may be saved.* (1Corinthians 10:32)*
- ³*We **give no offense in anything**, that our ministry may not be blamed. ⁴But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much **patience**, in **tribulations**, in **needs**, in **distresses**, ⁵in **stripes**, in **imprisonments**, in **tumults**, in **labors**, in **sleeplessness**, in **fastings**; ⁶by **purity**, by **knowledge**, by **longsuffering**, by **kindness**, by the **Holy Spirit**, by **sincere love**, ⁷by the **word of truth**, by the **power of God**, by the **armor of righteousness** on the right hand and on the left, ⁸by **honor and dishonor**, by **evil report and good report**; as **deceivers**, and yet **true**; ⁹as **unknown**, and yet **well known**; as **dying**, and **behold we live**; as **chastened**, and yet **not killed**; ¹⁰as **sorrowful**, yet **always rejoicing**; as **poor**, yet **making many rich**; as **having nothing**, and yet **possessing all things**. (2Corinthians 6:3-10)*

Being Offended

- ²³*And **blessed** is he who is **not offended** because of Me.” (Matthew 11:6)*
- ¹⁰*And then many will be **offended**, will **betray** one another, and will **hate** one another. (Matthew 24:10)*
- ⁴***Pursue peace** with all people, and **holiness**, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵*looking carefully lest anyone **fall short of the grace of God**; lest any **root of bitterness** springing up **cause trouble**, and by this many become **defiled**. (Hebrews 12:14-15)**

Be Lowly and Humble

- *Take **My yoke** upon you and **learn** from Me, for I am **gentle** and **lowly** in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**. For **My yoke** is **easy** and **My burden** is **light**. (Matthew 11:29)*
- *Let **nothing** be done through **selfish ambition** or **conceit**, but in **lowliness** of mind let each **esteem others** better than himself. (Philippians 2:3)*
- *Be **clothed with humility**, for “**God resists the proud**, but **gives grace to the humble**.” (1Peter 5:5)*
- *Therefore, as the **elect** of God, holy and beloved, put on **tender mercies**, **kindness**, **humility**, **meekness**, **longsuffering**, **bearing** with one another, and **forgiving** one another, if anyone has a **complaint** against another, even as **Christ forgave you**, so you also must do. (Colossians 3:12-13)*