

HOW TO BE OFFENDED

Introduction

A. The will of God is unity of the Spirit

Ephesians 4:1-3

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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B. The way of God is forgiveness and humility

Ephesians 4:29-32

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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C. The warning of God when we do not follow God's will and way

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

I. You Get Offended When You Let Things Fester

A. And the situation escalates

Matthew 5:25

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

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B. And Satan is given access

Ephesians 4:27-28

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

C. And you start thinking everyone else is wrong

Proverbs 21:2

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts.

II. You Get Offended When You Pester

A. In things in which you are not involved

2 Thessalonians 3:11

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

Matthew 18:15

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

II. You Get Offended When You Pester

B. And you decide to take sides

1 Timothy 5:21

I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

II. You Get Offended When You Pester

C. And by taking sides you are blind to reality

Proverbs 18:13

He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.

Proverbs 18:17

He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

III. You Get Offended When You Won't Listen

A. Because your mind is already made up

Proverbs 12;15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

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B. Because you do not care about the consequences

Acts 27:10-11

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

Psalm 133:1

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity!**