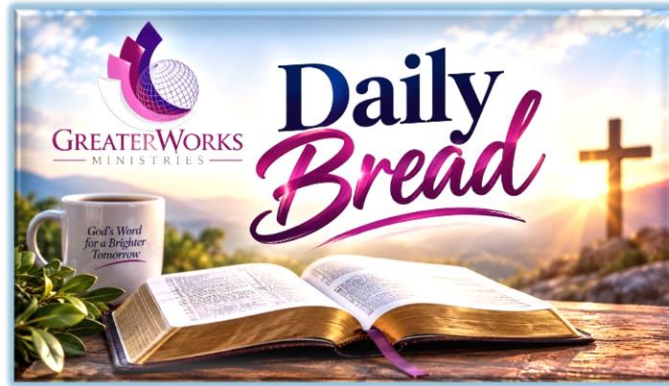




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OFFENSE

Luke 7:23 (KJV) “And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.”

These were the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, spoken as a warning to both His disciples and the disciples of John the Baptist, not to become offended in Him.

At this time, John the Baptist was in prison. Perhaps he expected Jesus to do something about his situation. But when he saw that Jesus was not intervening, he became deeply disappointed and hurt. As a result, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus: **Luke 7:20 (KJV)**

“John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?”

Imagine that!

This was the same John who introduced Jesus at the Jordan River when he baptised Him. Yet now, because of offense, he began to question whether Jesus was truly the Messiah.

Wow!

Offense can move you away from what you once firmly and rightfully believed.

Sometimes, when you are offended by someone you deeply respect and look up to, it is wise to keep quiet and speak less. You never know the kind of trouble your words may create.

Jesus understood that in the course of His ministry, He would say certain things and do certain things that might offend people. That is why He declared, “Blessed is the one who is not offended in Me.” There is a special blessing for those who refuse to stumble because of offense.

It is impossible to lead people and never offend them. Leadership will inevitably involve difficult decisions, corrections, and actions that some may not understand. The responsibility of followers is to overlook the offense and continue with the work.

Some people become offended when they are removed from certain roles. Others are hurt when they are not appointed to positions they desire. Many things can trigger offense, but be careful not to make your heart an easy landing place for it.

If your leader has never offended you, perhaps he has not yet truly begun to lead you.

If your boss has never offended you, it may be because he / she is still handling you cautiously. However, your next level depends on how you deal with offenses at your present station.

At one point, Jesus said to Peter, “Get thee behind me, Satan.” Peter received the rebuke and moved on. He did not allow offense to destroy his relationship with the Lord.

In my own ministry journey, I have offended many people. Some I rebuked, some I corrected, and I did not treat some with the dignity they deserved. Some left because of the offense. Others stayed despite being offended, and those are the ones I trust the most.

There is hardly any test more difficult to pass than the test of offense. But if you overcome it, there is no telling how far God can take you.

We will discuss this further tomorrow.

I hope this message does not offend you! 😂

Hallelujah!

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OFFENSE (Part 2)

Luke 7:23 (KJV) And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Jesus warned His disciples and us by extension not to entertain offense, especially toward Him. In fact, He called those who refuse to be offended blessed.

Wisdom teaches us not to be overly sensitive or easily offended. Offense is a dangerous enemy that can prematurely separate you from people whom God has sent to help you.

If Jesus Himself could offend people, then anyone can offend anyone.

- Parents may offend their children.
- Children may offend their parents.
- Pastors may offend their congregations.
- Congregations may offend their pastors.
- Friends may offend one another.
- Employers may offend employees, and vice versa.

Here is a truth we must firmly grasp: there are certain people in life who should never be allowed to offend you, regardless of what they say or do, because they are connected to your destiny. It was not wise for any disciple to be offended by Jesus.

When offense deceives you into cutting off such relationships, you may jeopardize what God is doing in your life.

I remember learning a lesson I will never forget. I knew a gentleman who was arrogant and easily offended. Everyone around him walked on eggshells to avoid upsetting him.

One day, I accompanied him to meet an important client. During the meeting, the client mistreated us and belittled the service my colleague had provided. I became irritated, but I noticed that my colleague remained calm, smiling, and tolerant.

On our way back, I asked him why he had not reacted angrily.

He replied:

“There are certain people you do not get angry with. They are the ones who butter your bread. He is the one who gives me all these projects.”

What a profound lesson!

He understood when offense had to be switched off in order to preserve a valuable relationship.

Offense can remove you from certain places and disconnect you from certain people before God's purpose is fulfilled. Many have lost important relationships and divine opportunities because they allowed offense to take control.

Tomorrow, we will examine practical steps on how to avoid offense.

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OFFENSE

Offense is one of the enemy's greatest traps. It clouds our vision, corrupts relationships, and slowly poisons the heart.

When a person is easily offended, they often move from one relationship to another, from one church to another, and from one opportunity to another.

Guard your heart against offense, and you will become one of the easiest and most pleasant people to relate with.

Nothing is more difficult than interacting with someone who is overly sensitive and easily offended. You do not know when to joke with them, when to correct them, or even how to help them.

Every word becomes a potential battle. An offended heart builds walls where God intended bridges.

How to Avoid Offense:

1. Be Humble

Offense often comes when we believe we deserve better treatment than what we receive.

If you think too highly of yourself, you will be easily offended. Humility gives you the strength to overlook what pride magnifies.

The humble person does not demand special treatment. They understand that life will not always go according to their expectations.

Pride says,

“How dare they treat me like this?”

Humility says, “Lord, teach me through this.”

2. Think of Others as Better Than Yourself.

The Bible teaches us to esteem others highly.

Understand that other people are also valuable. They have feelings, opinions, and dreams just as you do.

You are not the only important person in the room. Others deserve honour, respect, and recognition too.

When you appreciate the worth of others, you become less likely to be offended when they are preferred, celebrated, or blessed.

3. Learn to Celebrate Others

Many people become offended by the way God blesses others.

Cain became offended when God accepted his brother Abel's offering. That offense grew into jealousy, and jealousy eventually led to murder. If offence is not dealt with, it can turn a person into something dangerous.

An offended heart can become a breeding ground for jealousy, bitterness and witchcraft.

Train yourself to genuinely rejoice when others succeed. Celebrate their breakthroughs, promotions, marriages, ministries, and blessings.

4. Stay on the Light Side of Life

This is extremely important.

Do not live on the dark and negative side of life where you assume that every comment is directed at you and every conversation is an attack.

Learn to say:

"I do not think they meant to hurt me."

"It was probably not deliberate."

"Let me choose peace instead of suspicion."

Not every sermon is targeting you.

Not every laugh is about you.

Not every meeting is against you.

Not every two people talking are talking about you.

Sometimes the greatest deliverance is simply thinking better.

To illustrate this, let me share a humorous story.

A certain man of God was invited to officiate at the burial of a national hero at National Heroes Acre. It was his first time participating in such a significant event, and he was understandably nervous.

Then President Robert Mugabe was scheduled to speak immediately after him.

Overwhelmed by fear, the preacher lost track of his prepared message and ended up speaking extensively about old age and death. The entire stadium fell silent because President Mugabe himself was advanced in years at the time.

When the preacher finished, no one greeted him. The master of ceremonies did not even acknowledge him. He felt utterly devastated.

But when President Mugabe took the podium, he surprised everyone. Instead of taking offence, he praised the preacher and even repeated the strongest points from the sermon.

He then instructed that the man of God be given a generous honorarium. That is what it means to stay on the light side of life.

Where others would have chosen offence, the president avoided it.

Great people are not easily offended.

Beloved, do not allow offence to take root in your heart.

Offense blinds.

Offense isolates.

Offense destroys.

But humility heals.

A heart free from offence is a heart ready for God's blessings.

Hallelujah!

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