

The Spiritual Progression of Offense

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Scriptures:

- Proverbs 18:19
- Hebrews 12:15, *ESV*
- Hebrews 12:15, *NIV*
- Matthew 24:12, *NKJV*
- Matthew 24:12, *Mirror*
- 2 Corinthians 2:10, 11
- Ephesians 4:26, 27, *ESV*
- Mark 4:16, 17
- Jonah 4:1-3, *NKJV*
- Hebrews 3:13, *ESV*
- Proverbs 19:11, *ESV*
- Colossians 3:13, *Mirror*

Summary:

Offense is a subtle but powerful force that can derail our spiritual progress if we allow it to take root. It often begins with unmet expectations or careless words that strike a sensitive place in our hearts. When we accept offense, it turns into hurt and disappointment, and if left unprocessed, it becomes bitterness. Bitterness contaminates our attitudes, conversations, and relationships, spreading like an infection. Over time, resentment and division follow, leading to cold love and a hardened heart that resists God's influence. This progression opens a door for the enemy, giving him an advantage and eventually causing believers to abandon the Word and the will of God. Grace is the key to breaking this cycle; it empowers us to forgive quickly and remain aligned with our identity in Christ.

Notes:

1. Understanding offense is the key to remaining at peace. It's often filtered through insecurity.
2. Offense is inevitable. Jesus said offenses will come, but we don't have to accept them.
3. Being unaware of the spiritual progression of offense knocks us out of alignment with God.
4. The spiritual progression of getting offended is as follows: offense, hurt and disappointment, bitterness, resentment and division, cold love and a hardened heart, an open door to the enemy, and spiritual misalignment.
5. Knowing how grace interrupts the cycle keeps us properly lined up and in sync with God.

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