

How to Guard Your Heart from Offense  
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Scriptures:

- Luke 7:22, 23
- Luke 7:22, 23, *Mirror*
- Luke 17:1
- Colossians 3:13, *NKJV*
- Ephesians 4:26, *NIV*
- Ephesians 4:26, *Mirror*
- Hebrews 12:13-15, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 13:5, *NIV*
- Proverbs 10:12, *NKJV*
- 2 Corinthians 10:5, *NKJV*
- Proverbs 18:21, *NKJV*
- Hebrews 12:2, *NKJV*
- Psalm 118:18, *NKJV*
- Galatians 5:16, *NIV*
- Romans 5:5
- Matthew 5:44, *NKJV*
- Hebrews 4:9

Summary:

*Offense is a spiritual trap that can derail us from the path God has prepared for our lives. When we get offended, we allow external actions or words to penetrate our hearts, giving them power over our peace. Bitterness is the result of unresolved offense and can corrupt our relationships, our joy, and our ability to love others well. We must choose forgiveness quickly to prevent bitterness from taking root and distorting our identity in Christ. Staying rooted in love and guarding our thoughts and words are essential to maintaining spiritual health and emotional stability. Our focus must remain on Christ, not on people, because only He is unfailing and trustworthy. The Holy Spirit empowers us to overcome offense and bitterness, leading us into healing, restoration, and freedom.*

Notes:

1. Bitterness threatens our peace and opens us up to the enemy's attack. It's spiritually dangerous.
2. Getting offended is a trap that disrupts our destiny. Forgiveness is essential and must be chosen quickly.
3. Bitterness has dangerous consequences. We must stay rooted in love.
4. Remembering our identity in Christ keeps us safe from the toxic effects of bitterness.
5. We protect ourselves against bitterness by guarding our thoughts and words.
6. Keeping our focus on Christ and not on people gives us an advantage.

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