

Offense (Part 2): Are You Still Being Caught In The Trap?



I. The knowledge of the approach without the love of God in one's heart will always lead to offense.

2 Corinthians 5:14

14 - For the love of Christ constraineth us...

Q: But don't I have the right to be upset and go after the person that offended me???

1 Samuel 24:1

1 - After Saul returned from fighting the Philistines, he was told that David had gone into the wilderness of En-gedi.

2 - So Saul chose 3,000 elite troops from all Israel and went to search for David and his men near the rocks of the wild goats.

3 - At the place where the road passes some sheepfolds, Saul went into a cave to relieve himself. But as it happened, David and his men were hiding farther back in that very cave!

4 - “Now’s your opportunity!”

David’s men whispered to him.

“Today the Lord is telling you, ‘I will certainly put your enemy into your power, to do with as you wish.’” So

David crept forward and cut off a piece of the hem of Saul’s robe.

5 - But then David’s conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul’s robe.

6 - He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. I shouldn’t attack the Lord’s anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him.”

7 - So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul.

II. Your heart has to be so pure that you hurt when you struggle rather than gloat.



II Samuel 1:14-16

14 - “Why were you not afraid to kill the Lord’s anointed one?” David asked.

15 - Then David said to one of his men, "Kill him!" So the man thrust his sword into the Amalekite and killed him.

16 - "You have condemned yourself," David said, "for you yourself confessed that you killed the Lord's anointed one."

Q: "Why can't I gloat a little when bad things happen to my offender?"

Proverbs 24:17&18

17 - Do not gloat when your enemy falls;
when they stumble, do not let your heart rejoice,

18 - or the Lord will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from them.



Principle: It is righteous for God to avenge his children but it is unrighteous for God's children to avenge themselves.

Romans 12:19 (KJV)

19 - Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

**III. God's golden advice to
never being offended again.**

Revelations 3:18 (NLT)

**18 - So I advise ^{you} you to buy
gold from me--gold that has
been purified by fire.**

The process of refining gold...

The final stage of gold production -- refining -- involves removing impurities that remain after the smelting process. ... Workers add borax and soda ash to the molten metal, which separates the pure gold from impurities.

Q: Why God's Gold?

1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

7 - These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold--though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.

So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.