

# 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???**

**I 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 <sup>you</sup> 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.**