

TWCC Teaching Series: “Expect More” (Growing Relationally, Gracefully)

Subject: Avoiding the Trap of Being Offended

TWCC Teaching Handout – Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019



- **Read Mark 11:22 – 26 (NKJV)** - _____ is the secret to success for FAITH. Our _____ Walk and _____ Walk are two keys to our _____ being functional and active to you to: (1) Believe and _____ answers to your prayers; and (2) _____ the temptations and traps of being _____. FAITH works by SAYING and by PRAYING, but your _____ won't work if you don't forgive! _____ works by LOVE (**Galatians 5:6**).
- **FAITH AND FORGIVENESS:** We are to live a life of:
 - (1) _____ (**Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:16 – 17; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38**)
 - (2) And also live a life free of _____ (**1 Corinthians 10:32; Acts 24:16**)
 - **Becoming _____ and holding a grudge in your heart will keep your _____ from being effective or fruitful.**
 - It has been said that harboring _____ is like drinking poison and expecting someone else to die from it!
 - **OFFEND, OFFENSE, TAKE OFFENSE** = (1) to entrap or impede; (2) to make to stumble and fall or to entice to sin; (3) to cause one to judge another unfavorably or unjustly (4) to cause or to create displeasure, resentment, or anger; (5) to give offense; to hurt; to insult; (6) to take hurt.
- **THE HIGH COST OF OFFENSE: Read Luke 17:1 – 6 (KJV)**
 - Harboring _____ will spiritually bankrupt you. Being _____ will rob you of your health, your wealth and mental well-being. You have nothing to _____ and everything to lose by becoming OFFENDED.
 - **Read Mark 4:16 – 17** - _____ comes because of the Word of God. *Afflictions* and *persecution* are ways in which Satan will try to make you OFFENDED. (**Psalms 119:165**)



• **HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE TRAPPED BY OFFENSE:**

- (1) **SIGN #1:** You're _____ Because of Someone Else's Offense. ([James 3:2 – 5 \(NLT\)](#)). (2) **SIGN #2:** You Resent Someone Else's Blessing ([Acts 10:34](#)). (3) **SIGN #3:** You Continually Speak Negatively About Someone ([James 4:11](#); [Titus 3:2](#)). (4) **SIGN #4:** You 'Rejoice' at Someone's Misfortune ([1 Corinthians 13:6](#)). (5) **SIGN #5:** You Habitually Fellowship With Offended People ([1 Corinthians 15:33 \(NIV\)](#); [Proverbs 13:20 \(NIV\)](#)).
- _____ is the Prevention and the Cure to Offense and Being Offended (Luke 17:4). Learning to proactively forgive, reactively forgive and totally forgive will also help you in your marriage and with your family members. We can not afford harboring and holding on to hours and days of _____. It will absolutely hurt you and hurt and hamper the relationship!

• **THE THREE Rs OF PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST OFFENSE:**

- **THE FIRST R:** _____ ([Read Luke 17:1](#)) – The temptations to get offended and take the offense will come. It is inevitable!
- **THE SECOND R:** _____ - The offense for what it is – a spiritual enemy and a relational killer!
- **THE THIRD R:** _____ ([James 4:7](#); [1 Peter 5:9](#)) - By faith we must choose to resist the temptation and refuse to get or stay offended!
- BE PROACTIVE! Stay full of the Word ([Psalms 119:165](#)); exhibit and develop the fruit of your newborn recreated human spirit ([Galatians 5:22 – 23](#)); choose your teammates wisely ([1 Corinthians 15:33](#); [Romans 16:17](#)) and keep your conscience clear ([Acts 24:16](#)).

• **LOVE WILL CAUSE YOU TO RISE ABOVE OFFENSE:** [Read 1 Corinthians 13:4 – 8 \[AMPC\]](#)
