



NO OFFENSE
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John 21:15-17 (NLT)

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

Jesus' Followers Guide to Being Unoffendable

1 _____ every offense is taken, not given.

Proverbs 19:11 (TPT)

An understanding person demonstrates patience, for mercy means holding your tongue. When you are insulted, be quick to forgive and forget it, for you are virtuous when you overlook an offense.

Path to being unoffendable:

- _____ let every little comment or action offend me.
- _____ positive and assume the best of everyone.
- _____ thinking every look, comment, or action is about me.

2 _____ myself and stop trying to fix others.

Ecclesiastes 7:21-22 (GW)

Don't take everything that people say to heart, or you may hear your own servant cursing you. Your conscience knows that you have cursed others many times.

How to fix my focus instead of the blame:

- _____ on living according to my values not other's opinions.
- _____ a deep breath and respond with empathy and understanding.
- _____ myself with people who have similar values.

3 _____ my expectations of everyone.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (GW)

You must understand this: In the last days there will be violent periods of time. People will be selfish and love money. They will brag, be arrogant, and use abusive language. They will curse their parents, show no gratitude, have no respect for what is holy, and lack normal affection for their families. They will refuse to make peace with anyone. They will be slanderous, lack self-control, be brutal, and have no love for what is good. They will be traitors. They will be reckless and conceited. They will love pleasure rather than God. They will appear to have a godly life, but they will not let its power change them. Stay away from such people.

Remember:

- We are all _____ and imperfect.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

- We all need _____ and mercy.

Micah 7:18-19 (GW)

Who is a God like you? You forgive sin and overlook the rebellion of your faithful people. You will not be angry forever, because you would rather show mercy. You will again have compassion on us. You will overcome our wrongdoing. You will throw all our sins into the deep sea.



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God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Two Questions:

- How is my anger making me more like Jesus?
- Do I want to make a point or do I want to make a difference?

Final Thought:

Jesus never said I need to be _____; He said I need to be _____.

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