

THE PROVING GROUND

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The Offense Test

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What does the bible say about being offended?

How as Christians... should we respond?

Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

James 3:2, 7-10 NLT

In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God.

2 Corinthians 6:4 NLT

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

Colossians 3:5,10 NLT

"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony."

Colossians 3:12-14 NLT

Being offended is inevitable. Living offended is a choice. If you are on a continuous search to be offended, you will always find what you're looking for. Your life is too short and you're calling too great to live offended by something small! - Craig Groeschel

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,"

James 1:19 NIV

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."

James 1:19-20 NIV

Firecracker Rule!

Holding onto something you were never meant to hold onto... will always hurt you!

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"An offended heart is the breeding ground of deception."
- John Bevere

Do we want to Make a Point? Or Make a Difference?

"Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew 22:37-39 NIV

Lead with love & NOT with anger

Lower your Expectations of Others

"People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

2 Timothy 3:2-5 NIV

Raise your Gratitude for God's Grace!

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

"They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust."

John 8:7-8 NLT