



January 14th, 2024 "The Trap"

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

Offense is one of the most dangerous traps that a Christian can step into, and one of the most difficult ones to break free from.

✦ As Christians, we don't have the right to stay _____, and hold unforgiveness in our hearts.
Luke 17: 4-5, Matthew 18:21

✦ If we choose not to forgive, we have _____ how much we have been forgiven from.

2 Corinthians 10:5 NKJV

✦ Forgiveness keeps us united, while bitterness keeps us _____.

John 13:35, Luke 17:1

Offense imprisons countless Christians, has destroyed many relationships, and widens the relational gaps between us.

Psalms 55:11-14

✦ _____ is an epidemic in our society, where people look out for themselves and neglect and hurt those around them. **2 Timothy 3:2**

✦ Satan's number one goal is to come against the _____, whether that be at home, or in the church.

✦ We must be prepared when offense comes, because our response determines our _____.

✦ In the New Testament, offense often describes an entrapment used by the devil to bring people into _____.

2 Timothy 2:23-26

Those who welcome quarrels or opposition are in danger of falling into a trap and being held prisoner to do the devil's will.

James 3:7-12

When we are hurt, our understanding can become darkened and can lead us to judge by assumption, appearance, and hearsay.

✦ _____ will keep a person bound, at the same time thinking everything is fine. **Proverbs 6:12-19**

Just because we were mistreated, God does not give us permission to hold on to an offense.

Revelation 3:18,19, Hebrews 3:13, Isaiah 48:10, 1 Peter 1:6-7

Answers: offended, forgotten, divided, selfishness, family, future, captivity, Pride.

**all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*