

# Witness – Two or Three pt. 2

**(Matthew 18:15-20 nlt)**

**Offense** - to feel hurt, angry, or resentful because of something someone has said or done that you perceive as rude, insulting, or disrespectful. It essentially means being offended or feeling upset by something.

## **a stumbling block, temptation, or a cause of sin**

- Understand who is speaking. These are the words of Jesus teaching his disciples. Setting the foundation for the church and establishing a standard.
- Remember Jesus only says and does what he receives from the father, so these words come from the father himself
- As believers we should handle offenses differently than the world. We shouldn't be handling them like we use to before Christ
- We also have a choice to be offended, we shouldn't take to heart everything people say **(Ecclesiastes 7:20-22 nkjv)**
- Scriptures tells us to guard our heart for it determines the course of our life **(Proverbs 4:20-27 nlt)**
- As long as we live in this world offenses will come, we can't avoid that. But woe unto him who does the offending **(Matthew 18:7 nlt, nkjv)**
- God calls us to love one another and to make room for each other faults. But dwelling on the offense separates close friends **(Proverbs 17:9 nlt)**
- God hates a person who sows discord **(Proverbs 6:16-19 nlt)**

- Because God is merciful. I believe that why God gives us 3 changes to be reconcile.
- First you do it privately, second you take witnesses, then third you take it to the church. if reconciliation doesn't happen after that. Then you're on your own
- A believer who doesn't want to forgive and be reconcile is a person who doesn't want to accept forgiveness **(Matthew 6:14-15 nlt)**
- Jesus died and rose on the third day so that you can be forgiven. So that you can be made right with God through Christ.  
**(2 Corinthians 5:18-21 nlt)**
- So you not wanting to be reconciled and forgive. You are rejection what Jesus died for. Exposing yourself that you don't belong to God but the devil. **(1 John 3:7-10 nlt)**
- In deliverance. Most of the time, that I have seen the cause of their torment is unforgiveness. And you won't be delivered if you don't want to forgive.
- Jesus warns us that we would be torment if we don't forgive  
**(Matthew 18:21-35 nlt)**
- The reason two or three witness are needed the second time of trying to reconcile. And last resort the church to get involved. Is that you wouldn't be found guilty for causing division in the body of Christ.
- Remember by two or three witnesses it shall be establish.