

## Freedom From Offense – 6 “A Defense Against Offense”

Intro: How to process our offense  
Having a defense against offense

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Luke 17:1-6 (KJV)

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1. Importance of forgiveness  
“If offense is the “trapstick”, unforgiveness is the spring-loaded bar of death.”
  2. Increase our faith? We have enough faith – just do it!
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[ Because offense is so dangerous, we have in this chapter how to avoid and overcome. ]

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#1 vs. 7-10 (KJV) [ A servant’s heart with no expectations ]

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“Expect nothing from no one, no time, nowhere.”  
(I’m talking about people, not God)  
(I’m not referring to covenants or contracts)

“People take offense at me when they expect something I can’t or won’t do.”

NO EXPECTATIONS - of recognition  
- of compensation  
- of appreciation

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#2 vs. 11-19 (ref) (10 lepers)  
vs. 15-19 (KJV)

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#2 [ Be thankful for everyone, every time, everywhere. ]

“Quit stewing and chewing on the bad and start brewing a pot of thanksgiving.”

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#3 vs. 20-27 (KJV) (the kingdom and days of Noah)

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- #3 [ Keep preparing, focused on the Kingdom. ]
- Offense is a distraction from Kingdom business
  - Jesus is coming back
  - New heaven and new earth is coming
  - Keep building lives that glorify God
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#4 vs. 28-33 (KJV) (Lot’s wife)

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#4 [ Don’t look back ]

Nurse / rehearse / Disperse  
Philippians 3:13-14 (KJV)

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#5 vs. 34-37 (one taken / one left)

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#5 [ God judges between us ]

God rewards and repays  
Romans 12:19 (KJV)

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Vengeance is God's .... not mine.  
II Timothy 4:13-18 (KJV)

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Let it go means give it to God!

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[ Conclusion ]

A good defense against offense

#1 A servant's heart with no expectations

#2 Be thankful

#3 Keep preparing, focused on the Kingdom

#4 Don't look back

#5 God judges between us

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