

**THEME: SEVEN DEADLY CONTROLLERS**

**TOPIC: THE CONSEQUENCE & BREAKING FREE OF OFFENCE**

**TEXT: ROMANS 8:5-8, 14, MATTHEW 18:15-17, JAMES 1:19, PROVERBS 27:5-6**

### **Introduction**

Today we will conclude our study on “What are the Consequences of Offence?”

### **WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCE OF OFFENCE?**

12. Offence traps you into a life of unhappiness and you become affected by what is happening. Unhappy with yourself, unhappy with other people, unhappy with the progress of the person who offended you and whatever they do or achieve is belittled persistently by you.
13. Offence can bring spiritual paralysis so that instead of making progress the one who offended you is the one you focus all your energy, prayer and resources at. Forty men once took a vow, being offended by the actions of Paul and his commitment to Christ. They vowed not to eat until they destroyed him. **Acts 23:12-13**
14. Offence will make your prayer unanswered and make you ineffective in moving mountains. **Mark 11:25**  
Jesus taught that a person who is coming to the altar with his offering and is walking in offence is bringing an unacceptable offering. **Matthew 5:23-24**
15. Offenders are usually stuck in the past. No one looks constantly into the rear view mirror and makes progress. The offended, caught in the quagmire of their own feeling refuse to move on and get eaten up by the gall and bitterness of what they feel has been done to them.
16. Peter taught that the prayer of couples could be hindered if they do not give one another forgiveness. **1 Peter 3:7**
17. Jesus says, “Do not let the sun go down before you give the other person forgiveness.”

### **BREAKING FREE FROM OFFENCE**

- Offences, small violations or big ones are just as capable of destroying a Christians’ spiritual walk with the Lord and taking away their peace. **Col. 3:13.**
- This inevitably means that you must be aware that if you do not deal with offence, it will deal with you.
- If you do not exhale it, forgive it, it will consume you.

- The next step is to learn to quickly release people from your own attitude of unforgiveness. Do not wait for them to deserve it. **Matthew 5:29-30**
- Seek God's help and ask Him to heal you from your wounds.
- Who said that forgiving offences is easy? It certainly is not. That is why you must seek God's help. **Psalms 121:1**
- Pray for the well-being of your offender. Sometimes it is in our ability to pray for the well-being of the offender that God begins a whole world of blessing and showing us His. Relinquish all rights that is your right to be offended. **Romans 5:6-8.**
- So we must walk in the character and spirit of the One who loved us and gave Himself for us. **Romans 16:17**
- Don't dwell on the incident. Let your mind rest on the Lord, let your focus be on Him. **Isaiah 26:3.**
- Confront the sin of offence, confess it and bring it under the blood. **3 John 1:9.**
- Catch yourself and stop this roller coaster of offence. If you do not, you are like a train without a driver that is also unable to stop. **Ecclesiastes 10:4.**

## Conclusion

It is noted that offence makes people become harsh and severe in everything they say or do about the other people. Many times, unfortunately, their comments are most unfair, their actions ungodly, their conclusions unrepentant and their decisions such that leads in the path of eternal destruction.

In the course of going through this study; you might need someone to pray with you. Speak to a minister or your pastor, bear it all out and ask him/her to pray with you.

Pray also for the grace to be able to give true and unconditional love irrespective of what has been done to you. See what you can learn from what was done to you. Draw strength from your relationship with Christ and realise that God has more in your future than the things you have already seen in your past.

Don't let offence build a brick wall between you and your destiny.