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# OVERCOMING OFFENCE



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“It is impossible but that offences will come...”  
Luke 17:1

If you have ever been caught in the trap of offence, you know it can be very crippling. Know that offences are inevitable and will come your way no matter how loving you are. Offences can come without warning and often from those who are closest to you. Offences can lead to disappointment, anger and resentment. If allowed to fester, the offended person can end up isolating themselves from relationships and even from the church. Jesus warned us that in the last days *“many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another”*. (Matt. 24:10) Although Jesus warned us about the dangers of offence, the good news is that He gives us a strategy to help ourselves and others stay free from offence.

### WHAT IS OFFENCE?

The word “offence” is a verb meaning “to cause to feel upset, annoyed or resentful” or “to feel displeased”. An offence can result from legitimate mistreatment, or from a perceived mistreatment. People also get offended due to misunderstandings or misinformation. In the Bible, the word “offence” comes from the Greek word “skandalon” meaning a bait stick attached to a trap or snare. When you become offended, you are actually stepping into a trap of hurt and unforgiveness. Satan is the one behind it according to 1 Peter 5:8: *“your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour”*. If offence has the power to hurt or destroy us, we need to know how to defend ourselves against it!

### LOVE – THE BEST DEFENCE

In sports they say the best defence is a good offence. If we learn how to defend ourselves from an opponent, we can usually win the game. The Bible tells us that offences are sure to

come, so we need to develop a good defence system. The best way to protect ourselves from offence is to walk by the love of God in our hearts. Romans 5:5 says, *“the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit”*. (NKJV) The Ephesian church was encouraged to “live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ”. (Eph 5:2 NLT) The book of James 1:20 says, *“If you are angry, you cannot do any of the good things that God wants done”*. (CEV) We can see that getting trapped in anger and resentment through offence can lead us out of God’s plan. We need to keep walking in love and forgiveness so God can work in us and through us.

### 3 WAYS TO OVERCOME OFFENCE

#### 1. Stay strong in the Word.

Psalms 119:165 says, *“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them”*. When you feed on the God’s Word daily and have a consistent prayer life, it’s impossible to keep offences. Developing a strong spirit will protect you against the temptation to harbour offences or grudges. The Apostle Peter encouraged the Jewish believers during great persecution to build their character. If they did so they would *“never stumble or fall”*. (2 Peter 1:10 AMPC)

#### 2. Be quick to forgive.

Proverbs 19:11 says *“Insightful people restrain their anger; their glory is to ignore an offence.”* (CEB) Forgiveness is the key to get over offence. We must remember how merciful God has been towards us so that we can extend this same mercy to others. The Apostle Paul encourages believers to *“forgive one another, even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven you”*. (Eph 4:32) We need to practice forgiveness in our relationships, always ready to offer grace for offences committed against us.

### 3. Strive to have a good conscience.

The Apostle Paul said he always maintained a clear conscience. In Acts 24:16 he said, "I myself always strive to have a conscience, without offence toward God and men". (NKJV) Your own heart will inform you whether you have been offended or have given offence to others. Paul indicates that it takes effort to keep your conscience clear. We need to respond with wisdom to avoid the trap of offence. When we keep our heart clear, Satan will have no opportunity to draw us into offence.

### CONCLUSION

To free ourselves from offence, we must apply the principles of God's Word. Our best defence is to stay strong spiritually and to walk by the principle of God's love.



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Dr. Roma J. Fisher

– For more teaching, watch February's Spirit Alive Broadcast on "Overcoming Offence".

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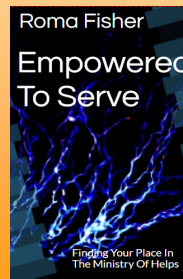
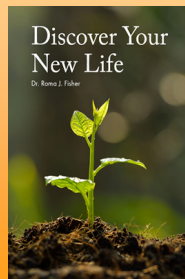
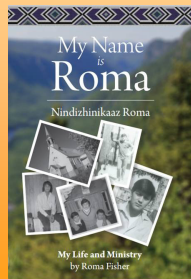
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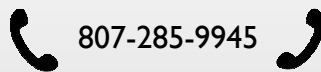


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