

1 Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!

2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.”

Luke 17:1-2, NKJV

I Have To Get Over It!

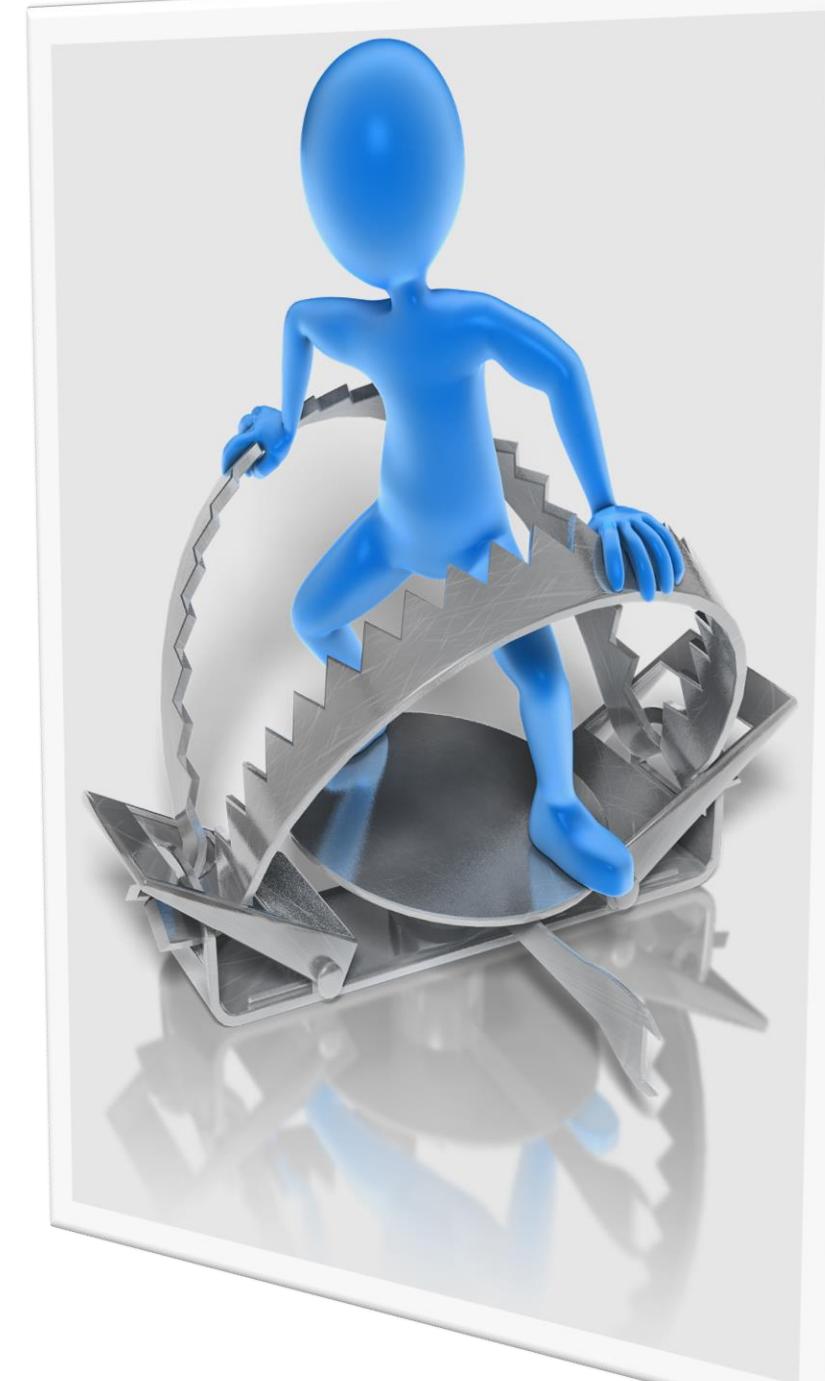
Part 1

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“An offense is the bait of Satan”

*“Anyone who has trapped animals
knows a trap needs one of two things to
be successful.*

*It must be hidden, in the hope that an
animal will stumble up on it, and it
must be baited to lure the animal into
the trap’s deadly jaws.”*



31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

Luke 22:31-34, NKJV

Six Types of Offenses:

- 1) Direct Offense – something that happens directly to you.*
- 2) Deliberate Offense – to offend someone on purpose.*
- 3) Borrowed/Given Offense – someone was offended, and it had nothing to do with you, but you made a choice to take it anyway or get involved.*
- 4) Unmet Expectations - when others don't meet your expectations.*
- 5) Rejection - when people do not accept you.*
- 6) Betrayal - when people are false or disloyal, divulge or breach a confidence or trust.*

“Offended people produce much fruit, such as anger, hurt, outrage, jealousy, resentment, strife, bitterness, hatred and envy.

Some of the consequences of picking up an offense are insults, attacks, wounding, division, separation, broken relationships, betrayal and backsliding.”

The Offense Test always comes to interrupt an impending spiritual promotion, and it is the test people fail most often.

To pass this test, you must learn to submit to the Holy Spirit's leading instead of yielding to your emotions.

*Naaman the Leper
Flunked the Offense Test
Miserably!*

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper.

2 Kings 5:1, NKJV

8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house.

2 Kings 5:8-9, NKJV

10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.”

11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’”

2 Kings 5:10-11, NKJV

12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?"

So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

2 Kings 5:12-13, NKJV

So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

2 Kings 5:14, NKJV

1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians, 6:1-2 NKJV