

I Have To Get Over It!

Part 6

“HOW TO GET OVER THE HIGH COST OF AN OFFENSE”

Jesus Warns of Offenses

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

Luke 17:1, NKJV

The High Cost of Offenses

Though Satan will never reveal it to you, there is indeed a price tag for offense. The enemy tells you, Just go ahead and wallow in your offense.

Stay right where you are.

Put on a good smile and look like nothing is really bothering you.

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The High Cost of Offenses

He will never tell you that offenses are eating away at the blessings of God.

Even if the person really did you wrong, God still does not give you the right to stay angry.

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The Cost Offended People Pay

- ▶ **Dissension**
 - ▶ **Division**
 - ▶ **Envy**
 - ▶ **Bitterness**
- ▶ **Unforgiveness**
 - ▶ **Hatred**

The Cost Offended People Pay

- ▶ **Idolatry**
- ▶ **Hostility**
- ▶ **Quarreling**
- ▶ **Jealousy**
- ▶ **Selfish ambition**
- ▶ **Outbursts of anger**

James 1:19–20, NKJV

19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Numbers 20:7-9, NKJV

7 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

8 "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock and give drink to the congregation and their animals."

9 So Moses took the rod from before the Lord as He commanded him.

Numbers 20:10–11, NKJV

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels!

Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"

11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

Numbers 20:12, NKJV

Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron,
"Because you did not believe Me, to hallow
Me in the eyes of the children of Israel,
therefore you shall not bring this assembly
into the land which I have given them."

“How to get over the high cost of an offense”

I. We Must Pray

**6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.
Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.**

**7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything
we can understand.**

**His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ
Jesus.**

Philippians 4:6-7, NLT

II. We Must Operate in Humility

5 Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

"God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time...

1 Peter 5:5-6, NKJV

III. We Must Forgive

14 Yes, if you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, then your Father in heaven will also forgive your wrongs.

15 But if you don't forgive others, then your Father in heaven will not forgive the wrongs you do.

Matthew 6:14-15 (Easy-to-Read Version)

IV. We Must Work to Repair the Relationship

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and remember there that another believer has something against you,
24 leave your gift at the altar. First go away and make peace with that person. Then come back and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24 (GOD'S WORD Translation)

V. We Must Confess Our Faults

**Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another,
that ye may be healed.**

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16, KJV