

“No Offense”

1. Will we be offended and leave the church?
Matthew 26:31-33
2. Why are people offended and leave the church?
Mostly because of words.
 - a) Gossip **Proverbs 26:22**
 - b) Angry words **Proverbs 15:1**
 - c) People don't think before they speak. **James 1:19**
 - d) People just talk too much. **Proverbs 17:27&28**
Proverbs 10:19
3. It is difficult to win someone back who has been offended. **Proverbs 18:19**
4. We should be especially careful not to offend “the little ones”. **Matthew 18:1-14**
“The little ones here referred to who believe in Christ, are not simply those who are young in years, but little children in Christ. There is a warning contained in these words lest we shall selfishly neglect or hold in contempt our weak brethren, lest we shall be unforgiving and exacting and judge and condemn others, and thus discourage them.”
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5. People are often offended because they are not “grounded”. **Mark 4:16&17**
6. Our goal is to not offend anyone by what we say. **James 3:1&2**
7. We need to often say this prayer before we speak. **Psalms 19:14**
8. If we have offended someone, we should go to them and make things right. **Colossians 3:12-15**
9. Love for God and His law will protect us from being offended. **Psalms 119:165**