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Dealing with *Offense*

Recognizing and Escaping One
of the Enemy's **Deadliest Traps**



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THE SPIRIT OF OFFENSE

Don't Take Offense

I. What Is Offense?

A. Offense (defined/Vine's/Greek *skandalon*) – The name of the part of the trap on which the bait hung that lured the animal into the trap.

1. Satan uses offenses as bait to lure us into a life-time of bitterness, resentment, unforgiveness, and even hatred.

B. (Vine's definition continued) – A hindrance or a stumblingblock.

1. When we allow the spirit of offense to come in, it becomes a hindrance and a stumblingblock to us. It causes us to stumble in our walk with God.

C. Offend (defined/Webster's 1828) – *To displease; to make angry; to affront. It expresses rather less than 'make angry,' and without any modifying word, it is nearly synonymous with displease. We are offended by rudeness, incivility and harsh language. Children offend their parents by disobedience, and parents offend their children by unreasonable austerity or restraint [sternness or restrictions].*

1. Actually, many things offend us; and we are offended far too easily and too often.

D. We will determine not to be offended, and we will seek to keep offense out of our lives.

1. **Proverbs 4:23** – Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it flows the issues of life.

2. **Philippians 1:9-10** (NKJV) – *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ . . .* (Read Amplified version also.)
3. **Psalms 119:165** – *Great peace have they who love Your law; nothing shall offend them or make them stumble.*

E. Six types of offense:

1. Taking offense
2. Giving offense
3. Offended by the truth
4. Offended at God
5. Offending the Holy Spirit
6. Offending yourself

F. There will be no offense in heaven.

1. **Matthew 13:41** – When Christ sends the “reaper angels,” they will gather up all offense.

G. **Matthew 24:10** – An end-time attack

II. Offense And Cold Love

A. **Matthew 24:12** – The love of the body grows cold because of the lawlessness [of offense] and other iniquities.

1. **Matthew 24:11** – When people are offended, they are more easily deceived.

B. Love is spiritual warfare, and we cannot love with offense in our hearts.

- C. We cannot pray or worship properly with offense in our hearts.
1. **Mark 11:22-26** – We must walk in love for our prayers of faith to be answered. We must forgive!
 2. **Matthew 6:9-15** – Forgive others for prayer to work.
 3. **Matthew 5:23-24** – Leave your gift at the altar and make peace with your brother.
- D. Offense turns into deeper problems.
1. Resentment, unforgiveness, bitterness (which makes the entire life and person bitter), and hatred
- E. **Proverbs 17:9** – Love covers offenses.
1. **Cover** – To close, conceal, hide, or keep a secret.
 2. We must learn how to have “closure” on offenses.

Don’t even leave a crack in the door; close it permanently.
- F. **I Peter 4:8** – Above all things have intense love, for love covers a multitude of sins (forgives offenses).
- G. **I Corinthians 13:5** – Love is not touchy, fretful, or resentful – people are, but love isn’t.
1. If we truly want to be like Jesus, we must give up our right to act like ordinary people.
 2. **I Corinthians 3:3** – Paul told the believers they were acting like mere unchanged men. They had strife between them.
- H. People easily offended are:

1. Selfish – Anytime they don't get their way, they get offended.
2. Insecure – Their love tank is empty; and when they don't get their way, they feel rejected.
3. Negative – They believe the worst and should believe the best.
4. An easy mark for Satan – he baits the trap, and they take the bait every time.
5. Miserable – Being offended makes you more miserable than the other person.
6. Hindering God's plan for their lives – they cannot go forward with wrong things in their hearts.
7. Unwise – Any time God tells us in His Word not to do something and we do it anyway, it is unwise.
8. Not free – forgiveness is freeing.

Matthew 18:34-35 – The offended individual has no peace of mind. Without peace, he has no joy.

- I. Most of the ground that Satan gains in the life of a believer is gained through unforgiveness!!

III. Champions Refuse To Be Offended.

- A. **I Samuel 17:28-30** – David turned away from offense.
- B. **I Samuel 16:1-13** – David could have been offended because he was left out. His father did not even consider him as a possible choice for king.
 1. The fact that he did not become offended shows at least one of the reasons why he was God's choice.

- C. **II Timothy 4:16** – At Paul’s first trial, no one stood with him. He refused to be offended.
- D. Satan has launched an aggressive attack to keep us offended. Each individual may have hundreds of opportunities each week.
- E. Offense is not a “little problem” – it is a demon!
- F. Jesus had numerous occasions to be offended, but He refused them all.
 - 1. His own relatives were ashamed of Him.
 - 2. His disciples often acted like spoiled brats. They would not even stay awake and pray with Him one hour before His Crucifixion. They never really understood Him.

(We get very offended when people don’t understand us.)
 - 3. Peter denied Him.
 - 4. The Pharisees constantly tried to entrap Him.
- G. **John 13:3** – Jesus knew Who He was.
 - 1. I believe His security in Father God allowed Him to refuse offense.
 - 2. If we are secure, we are free to be more concerned about what people are doing to themselves rather than what they are doing to us!

IV. Things People Are Easily Offended By:

- A. Rejection
- B. Not being included or forgotten
 - 1. Examples: You did not invite me, forgot my birthday or anniversary, etc.

- C. Having our opinion ignored or rejected; people not agreeing with us
- D. Not getting our own way
- E. Having to wait
- F. Grouchy people
- G. People who are not like us
- H. Church services that are longer than we think they should be
- I. People who interrupt us when we are talking

Be determined to live without offense.

Refuse offense every time it is offered.

Treat it like the plague!

Don't Be Offended By Truth

Foundation Scriptures: Philippians 1:9-10; Psalms 119:165 and Matthew 24:10

I. Only The Truth Sets Us Free.

A. John 8:31-32 – The Truth will make you free.

1. We don't mind truth about someone else; but when the truth is about us, we must be careful not to become offended.

B. John 16:13 – The Holy Spirit has come to guide us into all Truth.

1. I vividly recall when He began guiding me into truth about myself and my behavior.
2. It was very painful, and my flesh tried every way to get away from it.
3. Some of the truth I had to face: “You are the problem, Joyce. You have a pride problem. You're negative, hard to get along with, selfish, feeling sorry for yourself, not facing reality, and not confronting real issues. You're a controller and a manipulator – you need to set your family free, and turn them over to Me ...”

C. John 14:17; 15:26 – The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth.

D. Matthew 11:6-10 – Truth is not soft and easy on the flesh.

1. John came preaching Truth, but he did not come in soft clothes.
2. The truth regarding our present condition prepares the way for greater blessings.

3. We cannot go to the next level unless we receive truth about where we are now.
4. Example: “Joyce, you are bearing fruit and you are helping people; but I can use you in a much greater way if you will lay aside all pride and selfishness.”

These are the kinds of things we must face to make progress.

II. Being Offended Prevents Progress.

- A. **Matthew 15:1-12** – The Pharisees were offended at the Truth.
 1. Remember, offense does not help us go forward. It causes us to stumble and is actually a hindrance.
- B. **John 6:48-61** – We are often offended when God calls us out of our comfort zone.
 1. Such a radical change in their motives and purposes offended them.
- C. **Matthew 16:21-25** – Peter was not being honest with himself.
 1. Jesus rebuked Satan and told him he was an offense to Him.
 2. In other words, Satan was trying to prevent His progress through Peter’s fears.
 3. When we are not honest with ourselves about our motives or concerning what the “real problem” is in our lives, we cannot go forward.
 4. Honesty is very important in the Christian life – **especially, honesty with ourselves.**

D. **Mark 6:1-5** – The relatives of Jesus were offended, so they could not receive from Him.

1. If a minister's methods offend you, you cannot receive from him or her.
2. A minister's clothing or jewelry may offend you, and it will stop you from receiving. **IT IS THE OFFENSE THAT STOPS YOU – NOT THE CLOTHES OR JEWELRY.**
3. Beware that you don't become offended about anything in the church. **It is Satan's plot to hinder your progress.**
 - a. It is too hot or too cold; the seats are not comfortable; the service is too long. You had to park too far away. The minister talked too long about the offering or spent too much time advertising tapes and books. You don't approve of the minister's car.
 - b. I changed clothes between Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon, and a woman was offended.
 - c. We have asked people to move from one seat to another, and they have become offended.

E. **Mark 4:15** – Satan uses offense to steal the Word.

III. Meekness And Humility Are Required To Receive Truth.

A. **II Kings 5:1-14** – Naaman the leper was offended, but changed his attitude and received a miracle.

1. If something or someone has offended us, we can change our attitude and receive a miracle also.
2. A meek attitude is necessary to receive.

B. **James 1:21** – Receive the Word with **meekness** for it contains the power to save your souls.

1. **II Corinthians 3:18** – We are changed into His image from glory to glory.

Between the glories there is always more truth to face.

C. **II Timothy 2:24-26** (KJV) – . . . *in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth . . .*

D. **Psalm 45:4** – Truth, humility, and righteousness all go together.

E. A proud person cannot receive correction or even instruction.

1. A proud person delights in telling others the truth, but they cannot receive truth about themselves.

IV. We Are Deceived By Excuses.

A. **Romans 2:1** – You have no excuse for judging others because you do the same things that you judge them for.

1. Give examples to get the point across!

B. **Luke 14:16-20** – These men were not facing truth; they were making excuses.

1. They had a serious lack of “want to.”
2. They were blaming things and people.

C. **II Corinthians 10:4-5** – Casting down reasons and theories

D. **James 1:22** – We are deceived through reasoning contrary to the Truth.

E. **Deuteronomy 7:1-2** – Stop making excuses for your enemies and utterly destroy them.

Strive Not To Give Offense

Foundation Scriptures: Philippians 1:9-10; Psalms 119:165 and Matthew 24:10

I. Strive Not To Give Offense Or Be Offensive.

- A. **Proverbs 18:19** – A brother offended is hard to win.
- B. **II Corinthians 6:3** – We strive not to give offense.
- C. **I Corinthians 10:32-33** – Rather than giving offense, strive to accommodate yourself to the opinions and interests of others.
 - 1. We are going to talk about adapting at great length in the next section, but first ...
- D. There is a balance in everything, and we must seek balance in this area; otherwise, we end up being controlled by other people.
 - 1. **Romans 14:15-19** – If we are living according to the “law of love,” there are many things that we can choose not to do (even though we would like to do them) if it will prevent others from being offended.
 - 2. **Colossians 3:15** – We must follow peace!
 - 3. Be led by wisdom.
 - a. Example: When I go to a poverty-stricken third-world country, I don’t need to wear my best jewelry.
 - b. If I am with someone who has had the flu, a virus, and bronchitis for three weeks, I don’t need to give my testimony of how it tried to come on me but I prayed and received immediate healing.

- c. I don't have to give my opinion about everything other people do – especially if I am with someone who has a strong personality and I already know that “opinionated people” are hard for them to handle.
- 4. I cannot be led by other people's convictions, but I can be led by the Holy Spirit regarding when to exercise my liberty and when to adapt to their desires.

II. Yielding And Adapting

A. **Ecclesiastes 10:4** (KJV) – . . . *yielding pacifieth great offenses.*

- 1. Allowing others to have their way and remaining calm in conflict are two certain ways to avoid giving offense.

Staying calm puts a quick end to anger.

- 2. Remember, only the people who purposely avoid giving offense are the ones walking in love.

NOTE: At this point in the message, we will discover who is **truly mature**.

B. **Matthew 18:19** – If two agree, it shows maturity; and God gives them what they ask for.

C. **Romans 12:18** – Strive to live in peace.

- 1. It requires striving – making an effort and a great deal of “want to.”

D. **Romans 12:16** – Readily adjust yourself to people and things. It helps you live in harmony.

E. **Ephesians 5:22** – *Wives, be subject (be submissive and adapt yourselves) to your own husbands as [a service] to the Lord.*

- 1. Submitting to authority is one way to not give offense.

2. Your boss won't be offended when you submit!!
- F. **Matthew 5:9** – Blessed are the peacemakers, for they are called sons of God.
1. Sons = maturity (ready for blessings).

III. A Selfish Attitude Causes Us To Be An Offense.

- A. **Matthew 16:23** – Jesus told Peter he was an offense to him.
1. Peter was actually saying, “Jesus, if You follow God’s will, my comfort will be interrupted.”
- B. Words offend – A selfish person has no regard for how their words affect others.
1. **James 3:1-2** – If any man offend not in speech, he is a perfect man.
- C. Rudeness and lack of good manners always offends. Selfish people are usually rude and unmannerly.
1. They don't care how others feel. They are too interested in themselves to be **sensitive** to others.
 2. If a rude person hurts your feelings, they will often tell you not to be so touchy.
 3. However, if you are rude to them, they get very offended.
- D. **II Timothy 3:1-4** and **Matthew 24:10-12** – The more selfish the world becomes, the more offense there will be.
- E. **John 12:21-24** – Sir, we would see Jesus!
1. The world wants to see Jesus, but it will never happen until we die to self (selfishness).

IV. Some Things Love Can Do To Prevent Offense.

A. **Be considerate** – Take time to think about how others may feel in a given situation.

1. Selfish people are satisfied as long as they are taken care of.
2. When others are inconsiderate of them, they are offended.
3. Example: A young man plays ball on Saturday. He could take his wife to breakfast first and prevent her from being offended all day.

B. **Explain your actions** – If I sense in my heart that some people could be offended by the length of our services, I can explain why I handle them the way I do.

1. I can explain why I spend time teaching on giving.
2. I can explain why I can't get involved in a lot of personal ministry between services.

Hopefully, people will understand and not be offended if they ask to see me and I cannot accommodate them.

3. Parable: If I saw a friend in the grocery store and only had time to wave – but I know she is an insecure person who will probably have her feelings hurt – I can go the extra mile and call her to explain.

Example: When I saw you shopping today, I did not stop to talk because I was running late to pick up my children from school.

C. **Love apologizes** even if there is a possibility of offense.

D. In order to prevent offense, **love gives what it might prefer to keep.**

1. **Genesis 13:7-17** – Abram gave Lot the land rather than have him offended and get into strife.

V. **Use Wisdom – Especially With The World.**

A. **Matthew 17:24-27** – Jesus paid taxes in order not to give offense.

B. Use wisdom concerning charismatic phrases when among those who might not understand.

1. My uncle died, and one of our employees attempting to comfort my aunt said: “Well, praise the Lord.” My aunt got offended.

C. Don’t be so busy trying to impress people with your spirituality that you are not **sensitive** to where they are.

1. **SENSITIVITY** is absolutely necessary if we are going to avoid offending people.

Are You Offending Yourself?

Foundation Scriptures: Philippians 1:9-10; Psalms 119:165 and Matthew 24:10

I. If Your Eye Offends You ...

- A. Matthew 18:8-9 – This refers to cutting things out of your life that you are doing against your own conscience.
- B. A guilty conscience is a major problem.
 - 1. I John 3:21 – It blocks boldness.
 - 2. It causes us to shrink back in fear.
- C. Romans 9:1 – Paul said his conscience bore him witness.
 - 1. His conscience agreed with his actions. Multitudes of people regularly do things that they know are wrong while they are doing them.
 - 2. Conscience – To know together with oneself; to bear witness to one's own conduct.
- D. Condemnation and feelings of guilt
 - 1. Jesus died to set us free from both.
 - 2. Freedom requires a combination of the blood of Jesus and right choices.
 - 3. His blood bought our freedom. But if we remain in sin when we know it is wrong, then we are not using the freedom He gave us.

We are FREE FROM sin and condemnation. We are NOT free TO sin and then try to rebuke the condemnation.

II. What Shall We Do About Sin?

- A. Call it what it is!
 - 1. Don't call sin "our little problem" or "a problem area in my life."
 - 2. Say, "I sinned." Don't say, "I missed it."
- B. Learn the difference between what you really can't do and what you don't want to do.
 - 1. Many people are in bondage to sin because they just don't want to be free badly enough.
 - 2. Many want to be free, but they don't want to be uncomfortable.
- C. **I Peter 4:1-2** – Those willing to suffer in the flesh are finished with intentional sin.
- D. **Hebrews 12:1** – Strip off and throw aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets us.
 - 1. Deal with it violently.
- E. **Matthew 11:12** – Violent men take the kingdom by force.
 - 1. They seek it with ardent zeal and intense exertion.
 - 2. They don't just "**wish**" they did not feel the way they do. They "**refuse to bow their knee.**"
- F. **Luke 4:1-13** – Satan wanted Jesus to bow His knee and worship him just once.
 - 1. Each time we submit to the temptation to sin, we are bowing our knee to Satan.
- G. Temptation is never going to go away. We must resist it steadfastly.

1. Pray and be determined. One without the other will not work.

III. Hidden Sin

- A. **Hosea 5:15** – God withdraws His manifest presence until we acknowledge our offense.
 1. Sin offends God, as well as our own conscience.
- B. **Psalms 51:1-13** – David had not repented over his sin with Bathsheba until now.
 1. **II Samuel 11:26-12:7** – God had sent Nathan to confront him.
 2. Nearly a year had passed by before he repented.
- C. Was David's conscience not working, or was he justifying his actions?
 1. **James 1:22** – We deceive ourselves through reasoning that is contrary to the Truth.

God speaks Truth, and we give a reason.
- D. **Jeremiah 17:9** – The heart is deceitful above all else. Who can know his own heart and mind?
 1. We should pray regularly for truth, to not be deceived, and for God to **expose all of our excuses**.
- E. **Acts 24:16** – Maintain a conscience void of offense to God and man. (WOW! This could be full-time job.)
 1. This will require an aggressive attitude toward keeping sin out of our lives.
 2. Be quick to repent when we do sin.

3. Be very careful about the way we treat people.
4. Apologize to anyone we may hurt or offend.

IV. If You Cannot Do It In Faith, Don't Do It!

A. **Romans 14:23** – Whatever is not of faith is sin.

1. It may take us the rest of our lives to even begin to understand the depth of this verse.

B. When we start doing things we cannot do in faith, we are not walking in **INTEGRITY**.

1. Integrity lives with a clear conscience.
2. It does not justify what the conscience condemns.
3. Joseph preferred prison and a clear conscience to the palace and condemnation.

His integrity caused him to say no to Potiphar's wife, even though it meant going to prison.

4. **Daniel 1:8** – Daniel did not “feel right” about the king's rich dainties because he had made a commitment to God concerning not eating certain foods.

C. A person of integrity pays attention to “little things.”

1. **Titus 2:7** – Have the strictest regard for truth.

Are you able to exaggerate by faith?

2. **Titus 2:9-10** – Employees, don't steal things of small value – for example: rubber bands, paper clips, ballpoint pens, note pads, etc.

If your conscience weren't bothering you, there would be no need to hide it.

NOTE: The church is suffering intolerable defeat by the enemy due to a lack of integrity among her individual members.

Christians endure a lot of spiritual weakness due to a guilty conscience.

V. Don't Be The Devil's Garbage Dump!

A. Don't listen to things your conscience condemns:

1. Dirty jokes, bad language, gossip, talebearing, other people's secrets, or information you know you should not have.

B. Don't watch or look at things your conscience condemns.

1. Magazines with women improperly dressed – I am speaking of regular on-the-rack magazines that are filled with improper and suggestive photos.
2. Things on television or in the movies that are improper – **things your conscience condemns!**
3. Some have told me that dirty language, sex, and criminally violent acts do not offend their consciences.

All I can say is, their consciences have become seared or hardened through repeated disobedience.

C. Associating habitually with people who are dragging you down.

1. People who are negative about you
2. People who make fun of you
3. People who "belittle" you

4. People who control, manipulate, and dominate you – they prevent you from growing, and they steal your freedom.
5. See **I Corinthians 5:9-11** for insight on who to avoid.

VI. Don't Offend The Holy Spirit.

- A. **Ephesians 4:30** – Do not offend the Holy Spirit.
- B. **Ephesians 4:29-32** – It is obvious that mistreating other people for whom Christ died is offensive to the Holy Spirit.
- C. We should be very careful about how we treat other people.

Offended By Trouble

I. Trials Can Make Us Bitter Or Better.

A. **Mark 4:14-17** – Those with no real root in themselves are offended when trouble comes.

1. They stumble and fall away.
2. This is the testimony of multitudes.

B. Resentment makes us bitter.

1. Resentment is an inner attitude that basically says, “I am offended that this happened to me.”
2. Who are these people offended at?
 - a. The devil? Perhaps!
 - b. God? Because He isn’t giving them a soft, cushy life
 - c. Other people? Because they are seemingly more blessed
3. Sometimes it is just resentment towards life and the situations that come our way. But we **must beware of resentment.**

C. Our trials can make us better.

1. They help us get roots. (**I Peter 5:9**)
2. When we have nothing but God to hang on to, we dig deeper and hang on.

Faith is not faith until that is all you are hanging on to.

3. They purify us and our motives.
(Deuteronomy: Chapter 8)
4. They exercise and strengthen our faith.
5. They show how much of our commitment is merely emotional.
 - a. Emotional hearers always fall apart during testing.

Psalm 7:9 – He tests our emotions.

II. Stability

- A. **Ephesians 6:13** – Having done all, stand!
- B. **Daniel 3:15-18** – The Hebrew children had stable faith, not emotional faith.
- C. **Psalm 94:12-13** – God continues disciplining us until we are able to keep ourselves calm in adversity.
- D. **II Timothy 4:5** – Paul told Timothy to remain calm, cool, and steady during hardship.
- E. Instability is a sign of immaturity.
 1. **Ephesians 4:14** – Be no more tossed to and fro like children.
 2. Children are very emotionally driven.
- F. Avoid people given to change – you cannot count on them, and they are a bad influence.

1. **Proverbs 24:21** (KJV) – *My son, fear thou the Lord and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change . . .*

III. Shallowness

A. **Luke 6:47-49** – Doers of the Word are like those who **dig down deep** and build their house on a solid foundation.

1. In order to “do the Word,” sometimes we have to dig down deep inside and call up all the courage and determination we have.
2. It is not easy to keep doing the right thing when the right thing is not yet happening to you (**Galatians 6:9**).
3. We must pass the “test of the storm.”

B. **Luke 5:1-6** – Come out into the deep and get ready for a haul.

1. They had been fishing in shallow water and catching nothing.
2. Shallow believers never live in fulfillment.

C. **John 6:66** – They were unable to receive a deeper message.

1. Jesus was attempting a transition in their lives. He desired to take them from seeking things that He could do for them to seeking HIM.
2. They were offended and fell by the wayside.

D. The “deeper life” books

1. There are actually books that are referred to as the “deeper life” books.

They are all about crucifixion of the flesh, dying to self, sacrificial living, obedience, and seeking God instead of things, etc.

2. There were even entire movements in the past that had “deeper life conferences.”
- E. The twentieth-century church has all but drowned in shallow water. They fear losing control if they come out into the deep – but this is actually where what they wanted all along begins to take place.

IV. Don't Be Offended At God.

- A. **Mark 4:35-40** – The disciples accused Jesus of not caring anything about them.
1. God often hides Himself for a season to test us.
 2. Sometimes heaven is silent for our benefit.
- B. **Lamentations 3:25-28** – God lays the yoke of divine discipline on us for our benefit.
1. The statement, “let him wait in silence,” refers to the fact that waiting is good for us. We may hate it, but it is good for us.
 2. **Hebrews: Chapter 12** – Discipline and chastisement are good for us. We may despise it, but it is good for us. We cannot grow up without it!
 3. It is good for us to be disappointed sometimes.

We learn to shake it off and go on. We learn to place our hope in God and not in things.
 4. It is good for us to not get our own way all the time. We learn to appreciate things more. We grow very thankful for our blessings.

- C. **Romans 8:28** – All things work together for good!
1. There are many things working behind the scenes that we know nothing about and do not understand yet. WE MUST TRUST GOD! **Don't ever accuse Him of not caring about you.**
- D. Remember, GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!
1. This is not just a song we sing, it is a fact to be celebrated.
- E. If God is ever good, then He is always good because He does not change.
1. **James 1:17** – Every good gift is from above.
 2. You probably say, “My trials are not good.”
- F. Some of the best gifts come in the plainest packages.
1. I receive some beautifully gift-wrapped packages. Sometimes I think, “Boy, this is going to be something!” and it ends up being not at all what I was expecting.
 2. Occasionally, I receive packages that are so ugly on the outside (plain, often old and worn-out looking) that I even wait to open them. To my surprise, some of them have contained expensive pieces of jewelry or money.
- G. Trust God – don't be offended with Him.
- H. Don't accuse Him of not caring about you!
1. **Romans 8:35-39** – Let nothing separate you from the love of God.

