

**No Offense**  
**Stop Being Offended**  
**October 6, 2024**

*'You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness.'* – James 1:19-20

Is being offended \_\_\_\_\_ to God?

God has \_\_\_\_\_ to say about being offended and the \_\_\_\_\_ to that offense.

One of the reasons we are so \_\_\_\_\_ offended is because we \_\_\_\_\_ listen to one another.

We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to listen and \_\_\_\_\_ to anger.

Anger \_\_\_\_\_ bring about the righteousness or the \_\_\_\_\_ living that God desires.

Anger is \_\_\_\_\_ pleasing to God and it does \_\_\_\_\_ honor God.

Living a life of being constantly \_\_\_\_\_ is not how God wants us to live.

Being \_\_\_\_\_ to listen, \_\_\_\_\_ to speak and \_\_\_\_\_ to become angry is actually how Jesus lived.

Jesus was asked \_\_\_\_\_ questions in the Bible. He answered \_\_\_\_\_. He asked \_\_\_\_\_ questions Himself.

Jesus asked these questions to \_\_\_\_\_ people into conversation and dialogue.

Jesus did \_\_\_\_\_ point out specific laws and commandments and say \_\_\_\_\_ are the rules you have to follow.

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ being offended and angry and \_\_\_\_\_ learning to listen well and love others.

This \_\_\_\_\_ mean we have to let go of our personal views and beliefs.

2 things that can help us let go of the anger that comes with being offended:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your expectations of others.

We humans are not \_\_\_\_\_ after all.

You are \_\_\_\_\_ to offend, disappoint, or hurt someone in your own life as well.

Jesus was never \_\_\_\_\_ or offended by the people he met.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your gratitude for God's grace

We need \_\_\_\_\_ grace and mercy.

The \_\_\_\_\_ way any of us are right with God is because God makes it possible through \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

We really do not have a \_\_\_\_\_ to be offended by what others have said or done.

\_\_\_\_\_ people don't make a difference and don't draw people to Jesus.

**Reflect on these questions this week:**

- Which do you struggle with: quick to listen, slow to speak, or slow to become angry?
- What offends, or angers, you today? How can you drop anger and be like Jesus in those situations?
- In what ways have you experienced God's love and grace?