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The Power of Vision - Part 6
Free from Offense
Romans 12:3-8

Romans 14:19 (NASB) So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

Taking no offense doesn't mean...

- _____ the truth
- _____ the offense
- _____ someone hurt you
- A _____ or misunderstanding

How do I avoid being offended?

1. **Ask God to _____ the hurts in your heart.**

Psalm 139:1 (NLT) O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

2. **Ask God to _____ for the ways you have offended others.**

Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV) Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

3. _____ **the one who offended you.**

Colossians 3:13 (NIV) Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

What does this forgiveness look like?

- **You always _____ it to God.**
Proverbs 5:6-7 (NIV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
- **You always refuse to take _____.**
Romans 12:19 (NLT) Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.
- **You sometimes _____ the offense.**
Proverbs 19:11 (NIV) A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.
- **You sometimes _____ the offense.**
Matthew 18:15 (NLT) If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.

4. _____ **for the one who offended you.**

Matthew 5:44 (NIV) Pray for those who persecute you.

5. **Be reminded: God's plan for you is _____ than their offense.**

Genesis 50:20 (NIV) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.