



Sermon Outline
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Unoffendable
Dispelling Offense
Luke 6:27-38

Why being offendable is not recommended:

* **Being offendable never makes you _____.**

"The more easily you get offended, the less intelligent you actually are." - Naval Ravikant

* **Taking offense is a powerful _____.**

** Being offended often ends up giving powerful, _____ emotions control.*

** Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of. An apparently trivial indulgence in lust or anger today is the loss of a ridge or railway line or bridgehead from which the enemy may launch an attack otherwise impossible. – C. S. Lewis - Mere Christianity*

What being unoffendable doesn't mean:

* **It doesn't mean letting people take advantage of you and not maintaining healthy _____.**

* **It doesn't mean _____ offenses and disregarding feelings and emotions.**

* *Emotions not _____ don't go away. They tend to go **underground**.*

What does it mean to be unoffendable?

* **It means NOT allowing the _____ of others to determine YOUR attitude or actions.**

Becoming unoffendable requires:

1. Understanding _____.

** Identifying and processing emotions is paramount.*

** The Emotions Wheel.*

2. Maintaining an _____ perspective.

** An eternal perspective requires understanding where you came from and where you are going.*

1 Peter 2:21-23 - To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

3. _____ yourself to become proactive rather than reactive.

1 Timothy 4:7b - ...train yourself to be godly.

** Being proactive often means being _____ rather than over-reactive.*

1 Peter 3:9-11 - Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it."

** I like Jesus. It's people that I can't stand!*

* **Being unoffendable is an intentional choice, and one we have to make _____.**

** We need to take ourselves _____ seriously and God _____ seriously.*

* **The only thing you can do about _____ people, is to not be or become one of them.**