



“Am I Offended...”

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(And Don't Even Realize It?)

I. *Proverbs 18:19*

- **What is the Bible definition of offence?**
- **What is the Standard Dictionary definition?**

- *One of Satan's greatest strongholds that he uses against the children of God is the spirit of offence*

- *When you are offended, Pride will have to be dealt with first*

II. *Satan's Grip Revealed*

- **Mark 4:14-17** “and have no root in themselves...”

- *Offence is a foundation problem...or can be associated with immaturity*

- **Mark 6:1-6** “they were offended at him...”

- *When you are offended, you miss out on God's promises*

III. *How to Identify If You're Offended*

1. Ask yourself and be honest... “How do I really feel?”
2. Do your thoughts dwell on the hurt? (and yes, hurt and offence are the same)
3. Do you lie about it to make yourself sound righteous?
4. Do you share your thoughts with others?

IV. *How to Overcome Offence*

1. Don't forget who God is and who you are (**Luke 7:19-23**)
2. Deal with your pride and open your heart (**Proverbs 16:18**)
3. Forgive (**Mark 11:25-26**)
4. Choose (**Acts 24:16**)