

## Offences

[Matthew 18:15-17](#)

Offense = is a legal term used to refer to conduct or omissions that violate or breach the rights of others. (By Law God's Law) it is to Love.

QUESTION: How do we handle “offences” or being “offended”

How is this overlooking of an offense accomplished? From a human standpoint, it is impossible. But God's Spirit at work in the life of a believer offers the power to forgive any wrong. [Matthew 6:12](#), [Matthew 5:39](#)

**It has been said that I often shut down when I am offended [Proverbs 15:1](#)**

**How and when should we overlook offences?**

To “overlook” an offense is to take “no notice” of wrongs done against oneself, to refuse to retaliate or seek revenge, to let insults go. [Proverbs 19:11](#), [Proverbs 6:16-19](#)

An essential part of the Christian's lifestyle. Our responses are to be reasonable and measured. We should increasingly grow in our ability to control ourselves when angry and overlook offenses when we can. [Galatians 5:22-23](#)

Second, we know that anger itself is not wrong but rather how we express it. Offenses do come, and there are times when anger is called for, but anger should not be our first response in any given situation. [James 1:19-20](#), [Ephesians 4:26](#)

Other proverbs also express this theme. [Proverbs 17:9](#) [Proverbs 10:12](#) says,

We also see this virtue lived out in David's story. He refused to retaliate against King Saul, although the king was trying to kill him [1 Samuel 24:5-7](#).

And David chose to overlook the curses (and other things) that [Shimei](#) hurled at him [2 Samuel 16:5-14](#)

Overlooking an offense does not negate justice. It doesn't mean we turn a blind eye to sin or pretend that evil doesn't exist. It means we are willing to forgive, especially when the offense is directed toward us. [Matthew 6:14-15](#), [Luke 23:34](#)

[Mother Baker](#) share a concern that I to am concerned about, (why come it seem people are not taking what we are sharing about Jesus to them but they seemed to be refusing to accept the truth, [Romans 1:26-32](#), [Luke 16:23](#)