

THE BAIT OF SATAN

SESSION 12 – Escaping the Trap

Luke 17:1 (NKJV) - Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!”

BEING OFFENDED

Do not be too proud to admit that you are offended.

- Admitting does not show weakness.
- Wounds do not heal overnight.

Acts 24:16 (NKJV) – This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

EXERCISE

If we do not exercise (pray, read the word, studying, etc...), we will get out of shape.

Some people are so strong in the spirit that they do not get injured/offended.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ABUSE YOU

Matthew 5:44 (NKJV) - But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.

Psalms 35:11-14 (NKJV) – 11 Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me things that I do not know. 12 They reward me evil for good, To the sorrow of my soul. 13 But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart. 14 I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother.

RECONCILIATION

If your brother/sister sins against you, go to him/her.

- Create an atmosphere that is full of love, kindness, etc...
 - This will lead to reconciliation.

Forgiveness vs. Reconciliation

- Jesus forgave us at the cross, before we ever said we are sorry.
- We are reconciled when we repent.

Romans 2:4 (NKJV) – Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

The Love of God covers the multitude of sins.

UNFORGIVENESS

Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV) – But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

- Two wrongs never make a right.

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