

# Danger of taking up another's offence

## A. Today

SKANDALON (σκανδαλον) [Strong...4625] originally was "the name of the part of a trap to which the bait is attached, hence, the trap or snare itself,

## B. warfare (Matthew 24:3,10-12)

### 1. Many ... Betrayal ... Hatred

#### REASONS WHY PEOPLE LEAVE CHURCHES

- ✓ 10% LEAVE TO GO TO BE WITH THE LORD
- ✓ 12% PREFER ANOTHER CHURCH
- ✓ 12% JOB RELOCATION
- ✓ **66% OFFENDED**

Psalm 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

Psalm 119:165 (KJS) Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Psalm 119:165 (Amplified) Great peace have they who love Your law; nothing shall offend them or make them stumble.

Psalm 119:165 (New Century) 165 Those who love your teachings will find true peace, and nothing will defeat them.

Psalms 119:165 (British) Great peace have lovers of your law; they have no cause for falling.

Psalm 119:165 (Message) For those who love what you reveal, everything fits— no stumbling around in the dark for them.

#### 1 John 2:10-11

### 2. fiery darts: grudges, bitterness, bad feelings

- a. feels:
- b. diversions.
- c. mines.

### 3. Natural.

- a. opportunities.

## I. Destroys /robs(snare, monkey)

### A. Friendship. Hate . Ex. Deedee.

1. Some say they don't

### B. Life of God.(Proverbs 4:23) –Hinders progress

### C. Ministry

1. ex. Don Curtis victim mentality.
- b. We have had to repent
- c. ex. of people who dragged people off

### D. Maturity.

1. Mark 4:16-17
  - a. grounded
  - b. a stronghold - Deliverance

## II. Trap-taking

### A. Proverbs 26:17

1. amazing how many stick their noses
  - a. sad story = trap
2. Luke 12:13-14
  - a. Avoid being a judge ... slanted
3. KJ Proverbs 18:17
  - a. How many have made up their mind after hearing one side of story?

## III. Robs you of a miracle

### A. Mark 6:1-5

1. Believing God ... sin of familiarity
2. If Jesus had no sin ... Pastor's idiosyncrycies

### Conclusion

1. Proverbs 4:23
2. Count in the next 7 days
3. Repent
4. not easy

Cause somebody anger, resentment, or hurt: to hurt somebody's feelings, or cause resentment, irritation, anger, or displeasure

Hurt somebody's feelings, upset, insult, affront, be rude to, cause offense, rub the wrong way