

Strive not to give offense

- A. Philippians 1:10 / Acts 24:16: Goal
 - 1. Grow ... Some good at not receiving

I. Responsibility

- A. Matthew 18:7
 - 1. 2 Corinthians 6:3
 - a. Jesus example (Matthew 17:27)

II. Ways we can be offensive:

- A. Food / Alcohol (1 Corinthians 10:23-24; 32-33)
 - 1. Selfishness:
 - 2. Romans 14:19-21
- B. Words
 - 1. James 3:2 (KJS)
- C. Scratchy personality (Proverbs 18:19)
 - 1. Disposition/Sensitivity
 - a. "Love is not rude"
- D. Opinions. Is it really needed?

4624 skandalizo skan-dal-id'-zo} ("scandalize")
define. To put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall, metaph. to offend to cause one to judge unfavourably or unjustly of another.
-"In N.T. *skandalon* is always used metaphorically, and ordinarily of anything that arouses prejudice, or becomes a hindrance to others, or causes them to fall by the way.

- E. Passing on offenses to others (Matthew 18:15-16)
 - 1. Go to person directly
- F. Correcting people in a wrong spirit
 - 1. Matthew 16:22-23
 - 2. I Timothy 5:1-2 / Galatians 6:1 / Ephesians 6:4
 - a. Wisdom In Correction:
 - I. Offer suggestion, idea
 - II. Make the mistake seem easy to correct
 - III. Affirm your love for them
 - IV. Avoid correcting too many things at once (Proverbs 29:11)
 - V. Praise the good things. (Award good behavior)
 - VI. Avoid raising your voice
 - VII. Be Humble and admit your own mistakes
 - VIII. Avoid arguing (2 Timothy 2:23-26)
 - IV. Do it in private
 - X. Be blunt only when all else fails