

I'M OFFENDED
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IT'S EASY TO GET DRAWN INTO AN OFFENSE

WE LIVE IN AN AGE WHERE BEING OFFENDED HAPPENS ALL THE TIME



FEELING OFFENDED IS REAL

I CONTINUE TO BE OFFENDED BY THE OFFENDED

WE NEED TO SEE EVERY OFFENSE IN TWO STAGES

STAGE ONE.... THE FEELING OF OFFENSE

OVERLOOKED
INSULTED
VIOLATED

TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF
NOT CONSIDERED

STAGE TWO... THE CHOICE TO LIVE OR NOT LIVE OFFENDED

LIVE OFFENDED
LIVE NOT OFFENDED

JUST BECAUSE YOU FELT OFFENDED DOES NOT MEAN YOU NEED
TO LIVE OFFENDED

STAGE ONE... SOMEONE SERVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
OFFENDED.

STAGE TWO... DO I GO FROM FEELING OFFENDED TO LIVING
OFFENDED?

DO I DRINK THE CUP OF OFFENSE?

LIVING OFFENDED IS LIKE DRINKING POISON AND EXPECTING THE
OTHER PERSON TO DIE.

Matthew 5:21-22

' "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. '

LIVING OFFENDED IS LIKE LIVING IN HELL

THE REASON IT IS SO HARD FOR MANY OF US TO STAY HAPPY IS
THAT IT IS SO EASY TO STAY OFFENDED

WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE OFFENDED?

IGNORANCE

IMMATURITY

STRESS AND FATIGUE

DISTANCE FROM GOD

THE LIES OF THE EVIL ONE

LEARN THE ART OF THE OTHER CHEEK

OFFENSE IS AN EVENT, BUT OFFENDED IS A DECISION

Matthew 5:39

'But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. '

Romans 12:17-19

'Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."'

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“AT A TIME WHEN AMERICANS BY THE MILLIONS KEEP THEMSELVES IN A STATE OF HIGH DUDGEON, CHOOSING NOT TO BE OFFENDED CAN BE WONDERFULLY REFRESHING.” JEFF JACOBY, BOSTON GLOBE

Ephesians 4:1-3

'As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing

with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. '

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CHALLENGE
LOVE PEOPLE

CHALLENGE
DON'T DRINK THE POISON

CHALLENGE
STOP PLAYING THE VICTIM AND USE THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

CHALLENGE
LIVE THE POWER OF THE OTHER CHEEK