



February 14/15
Avoiding the Snare of being Offended

I. Common Denominators of Being Offended

- a. We have all been _____.
- b. In our brokenness, we can _____ in being offended.
- c. Things that offend me _____ offend you.
- d. Being offended is a _____ of the devil.

II. How Do We Avoid the Entrapment of Offense?

- a. Be aware of the _____ of being offended.
- b. Set your mind on _____, not your own.
- c. Freely exercise the power of _____.
- d. Keep yourself _____ of the Holy Spirit.
- e. Remember: When you avoid the trap of offense, others are _____.

For Discussion

1. Share a time when you were hurt significantly.
2. What is the earliest memory you have of being hurt by someone?
3. Talk about Matthew 6:14, 15 in light of the kingdom prayer model Jesus shares in Matthew 6:1-13.
4. Would you say forgiveness is optional or commanded? Why? See also Ephesians 4:31, 32 and Matthew 18:21-35 (notice who is being spoken to and what will happen in the event of no forgiveness.)
5. Share how you discovered the power of forgiveness.
6. Is there anyone now you need to forgive?