

“Everyone’s an Idiot but Me”
Unoffendable Sermon Series
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Introduction: To be offended is to **judge** another’s action as a m_____ false step. The antonym would be to p_____. The virtues of Christian character are humility, gentleness, patience, love, and p_____. To take or hold an offense damages or destroys community, relationships, virtue, life.

I. The Problem: We want g_____ for ourselves but struggle to extend it to others.

“Anger is the most fundamental problem in human life.”
“All anger thinks itself righteous at the time.” - Dallas Willard
“Anything you can do with anger, you can do better without it.”
Action Step: Go on a r_____ along, pray for and give thanks for our police officers and soldiers.

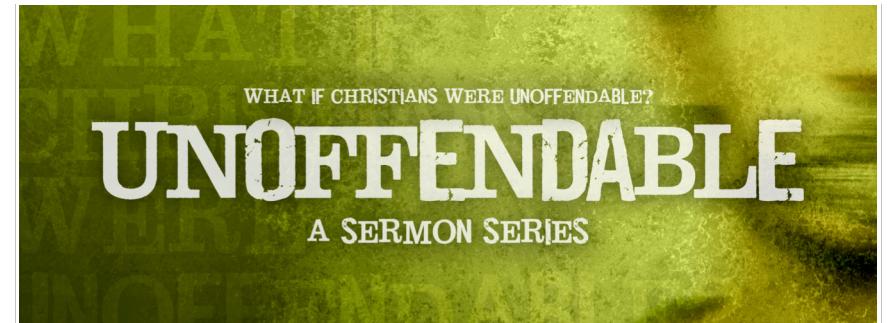
II. Jesus encountered one moral mess after another.

Matthew and Zacheus were t_____ - collectors.
“There are three kinds of business – yours, mine, and God’s.” – Elizabeth Gilbert
You can _____ to be “Unoffendable.”
“Forfeiting our right to anger makes us deny ourselves, and makes us _____-centered.” – Brant Hansen



III. Only God has the perfect character to handle anger.
Wisdom literature teaches us in Ecclesiastes 7:9, “Anger lodges in the bosom of f_____.”
Ecclesiastes 7:16, 20.
Proverbs 14:17, “One who is quick-tempered acts f_____.”
Jesus repeats this wisdom in the Sermon on the Mount, “Do not j_____ (condemn not discern).” Why?
Matthew 7:2, If you do judge others... y_____ w_____ be j_____ in the same way and to the same degree.

Action Step 2: What are you currently offended about today?
“The thing that you think makes your anger ‘_____’ is the very thing you are called to _____.” Brant Hansen
Colossians 3:8 – Get rid of _____ and be unoffendable.



I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear...Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:1-3, 25-27, 29-32 (NRSV)



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