

“Don’t Let The Devil Separate You & Your Brother Pt. 1”

Lesson Text: **Matthew 5:23-24.**

I. Be Careful Not To Offend Your Brother.

- **Proverbs 18:19 (NASB).**
- To be offended — to be caused to feel resentment or indignation.
- Why People Are Offended:
 1. We Were Careless In Our Words Or Actions; Can Be Unintentional...
 2. We Have Done Someone Wrong, Insulted Someone; Or Sinned Against Someone.
 3. It Is Difficult To Win An Offended Brother, So Be Careful.... Be Preventive.
 4. **Philippians 2:14-16.**
 5. If We Do Offend, Have A “Spirit Of Reconciliation” **Matthew 5:24.**

II. Don’t Imagine Evil Suspicions Against Your Brother.

- **1 Samuel 18:6-9.**
- **1 Timothy 6:4-** “Evil Suspicions” Or Conjecture— reasoning that involves the formation of conclusions from incomplete evidence.
- Dangerous To Suspect Motives Or Actions Done By A Brother Without All The Facts.
- Sometimes Misunderstandings And Mistakes Happen In Judging People’s Actions.
 - **Proverbs 18:13 & 17.**
- Some Common Suspicions:
 - “That Preacher Preached At Me!”
 - “They Didn’t Shake My hand Because They Don’t Like Me.”
 - “That Brother Is Just Trying To Make A Name For Himself.”
 - “Brother So and So Is Trying To Take Over.”
- Love Prevents Such Suspicions— **1 Corinthians 13:4-7.**

III. Be Willing To Admit You’re Wrong To Your Brother.

- **Matthew 5:25-26;** Made Clearer In **Luke 12:58-59.**
 - Why Wouldn’t We Admit Fault When We Are Wrong?
 - Pride, Stubbornness, Or Not Wanting To Face The Consequences?
- Why Paul Did Not Want Christians Suing One Another- **1 Corinthians 6:1-8.**
- But This Causes A Wedge Between Brethren! Resentment, Anger, & Bitterness...
- Precisely What The Devil Wants!

IV. Don’t Put A Stumbling Block In Your Brother’s Way.

- **Romans 14:13.**
- One Of The Main Points Of Romans 14 Is Being Careful To Consider Your Brother.
- **Romans 14:14-18.**
- Satan Will Try To Use Personal Conscience Against One Another.
- **Romans 14:19-21.**