

**RCCG CHRIST THE LORD PARISH
MORNING DEW
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2025**

HANDLING OFFENCES IN SERVICE

ABIOLA TAYO-OYETIBO





WORD

Ephesians 4.29-32

²⁹ Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

FACT

**Offences will come
whether we want
them or not**

**It is naive to assume
that one can
efficiently serve God
without encountering
offences**

**Sometimes you are
staying on your lane, and
offences will arise
against you for
something you know
nothing about.**

BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF OFFENCE

Anything that causes someone to stumble morally or spiritually, acting as a snare for sin.

An act or situation that hinders righteous conduct or thought.

A specific injury or wrong.

If not properly handled, it may be a cause of stumbling, temptation, or excuse for sin.

BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF SERVICE



Wholeheartedly obeying and loving God in spirit and in truth.



Using your unique gifts to serve others.



Reflecting Christ's example through acts of kindness, leadership, and ministry within the church and community

WHAT TO DO WHEN WE FEEL OFFENDED

Examine	Examine yourself first. Endeavour not to be the source of the offence. As church workers and persons who are sometimes privileged to hold the microphone, we should be sensitive about how we address the congregation.
Unburden	Unburden to someone you feel is objective. This will help you to see whether you are actually the person in error.
Communicate	Communicate your grouse to the offender. Do not assume that the person should know what he/she has done wrong.
Do not engage in	Do not engage in spreading the gist far and wide in church. Matthew 12.36-37
Seek	Seek peace. Be proactive in becoming the peacemaker. Do not wait for the offender to first seek peace.
Follow	Follow the biblical path for resolving issues in the Church. Matthew 18.15-17



PEACE BE STILL

- **Exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5.22-23**
- **Patience is a virtue**
- **Do not forget that you are an ambassador of Christ. Do not descend into the place of uttering insults, keeping malice, etc. Eph 4.1-3**
- **You may need to maintain your lane for your own mental health and stability.**
- **Engaging in church-hopping due to offences may not be a viable solution if underlying issues are not identified.**
- **Strive to maintain peace. Should the offender choose to remain difficult, forgive and focus on serving God, but remember the brother/sister in prayers.**



RESOLVE

- **Pray for the help of the Holy Spirit to enable you practice intentional forgiveness Eph 4.32.**
- **Live in unity with other believers to aid exponential increase. The devil understands the power of unity in the church; therefore he consistently tries to do all he can to keep us in disunity by making us fight one another and gossip about ourselves.**

**THANK YOU
FOR
LISTENING**

