

## Leadership Class: Lesson # 9 & 10 Overcoming Offenses

Defined: SKANDALON (σκανδαλον) [Strong...4625] originally was "the name of the part of a trap to which the bait is attached, hence, the trap or snare itself,.

Look up and write out a dictionary definition of offense:

1. What are signs of the last days that Jesus gave? (Matt 24:3, 10-13):

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What happens when people are offended? (Matthew 24:10)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jesus gives a parable of a farmer sowing seed. One description is of those new in the faith. of those new in the faith who are not rooted and grounded in the Lord. What does scripture give as their response to persecution and affliction? (Mark 4:17)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (King James Version)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ (New King James Version)

4. Why could not Jesus do a mighty work in His home town among people that knew Him? (Mark 6:1-5)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3)

b. What can hinder a move of God in a local assembly of believers?

One set of statistics on **why people leave churches:**

- ✓ 10% leave to go to be with the Lord
- ✓ 12% prefer another church
- ✓ 12% Job relocation
- ✓ 66% offended (bent out of shape)

### Giving offence:

5. Write out Proverbs 18:19

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4624 skandalizo skan-dal-id'-zo} ("scandalize")

define. To put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall, metaph. to offend to cause one to judge unfavourably or unjustly of another.

- "In N.T. *skandalon* is always used metaphorically, and ordinarily of anything that arouses prejudice, or becomes a hindrance to others, or causes them to fall by the way.

6. What does God want us to be without until the day of Christ? (Philippians 1:10)

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7. What did Paul always strive for? (Acts 24:16)

8. What is one thing you can count on for offenses? (Matthew 18:7)

9. Why did Paul give no offense in anything? (2 Corinthians 6:3)

10. What was Jesus attitude in paying his taxes? (Matthew 17:27)

11. What are we to pursue after? (Romans 14:19)

12. How can we avoid offending others? (Romans 14:20, 21)

13. We have all offended others with our words. Fill in the blanks (James 3:2)

- a. If any man \_\_\_\_\_ not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able to bridle the whole body (King James Version)
- b. If anyone does not \_\_\_\_\_ in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body (New King James Version)

14. While Peter thought he was speaking the right things, what did he end up doing? (Matt 16:22,23)

### Offended by the truth

15. It was prophesied that Jesus would be: (Isaiah 8:14)

- a. A stone of \_\_\_\_\_
- b. A rock of \_\_\_\_\_
- c. As a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

16. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus teaching of the truth? (Matthew 15:1-14)

(Vs. 12)

17. How did some people respond to the supernatural in Jesus day? (Matthew 11:4-6)

- a. How do some people respond today? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Write out Psalm 119:165

a. \_\_\_\_\_ (King James Version)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ (New King James Version)