

1. It is written not to give or take an offence.

1 Corinthians 10:32 says:

Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.

Hosea 5:15 says:

*I will go and return to my place, till they **acknowledge their offence**, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.*

2. But we can't live on this earth without giving or taking offences.

Luke 17:1 says:

*Then said he unto the disciples, It is **impossible but that offences will come**: but woe unto him, through whom they come!*

3. The taking or giving of an offence has consequences.

Matthew 18:6-7 says:

*But whoso shall **offend** one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of **offences**! for it must needs be that **offences** come; but woe to that man by whom the **offence** cometh!*

4. But the Lord God, Our Father, has made an excellent way for us to be free of an offence, either giving or taking of offences. We only has to accept His truth and do it.

Matthew 5:44-45 says:

*But I say unto you, **Love** your enemies, **bless** them that curse you, **do good to** them that hate you, and **pray for** them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Matthew 18:21-22 says:

*Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and **I forgive** him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*

5. Dear brethren, offences will come and you will offend someone, so:

Are you prepared to love, bless, do good to, pray for and forgive your brother or sister?

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Be blessed in Yeshua's Messiah Love
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