

What is an OFFENSE? (did we get "Defensive")

Define it -

1. a breach of a law or rule; an illegal act. (1st offense? repeat offender?)
 2. to cross a personal boundary or insult and hurt someone's feelings.
 3. annoyance or resentment brought about by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself or one's standards or principles.
 4. something that outrages the moral or physical senses
 5. the act of attacking : to [assault](#) with *weapons of offense*
- ... - - **just for the record...**(*because we are taking a record of this*)

1. was this intentional? (usually not)
 2. was it meant to be malicious? (was it calculated, premeditated?)
 3. was it done out of ignorance?
 4. can we really judge the motive of this person?
 5. Is there a history of knowingly causing offenses toward me from this person?
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How emotional am I in this? how rational?

define the words used in the moment... analyze the words spoken and communicate what was intended... Did I say things that I regret?

personal examples - praying at the altar at CBC - "Lord I just agree with this brother"
on family vacation - "you've been given bad info all day" - - "then just lead"

Does any of this really matter? Do I have the "right" to be offended?

Should I forgive always? **Does this define boundaries for my future relationship?**

How did Jesus respond?

Isa 53:7 - He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Matt 26:53 - Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

1 Peter 2:23 - When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

John 19:⁷ The Jewish leaders insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”⁸ When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid,⁹ and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”¹¹ Jesus answered, **“You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.”**

Luke 23:34-45

³⁴ Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

Isa 50:6 - I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Matt 27 - Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him.

²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said.³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.