

WEEK 4

NO OFFENSE

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Preventative Measures

"Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come," (Matt. 18:7)

*"The Wise see danger afar off & take refuge, but the simple keep going & suffer for it."
(Prov. 22:3)*

Preventative Measures

1) Keep Perspective.

The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the wise ignores many insults. (Prov. 12:16)

2) Pull weeds Through Prayer.

"See to it that no one misses out on the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." (Heb. 12:15)

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be in danger of judgment....And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. "Settle matters quickly" (Matt. 5:21-25)

- There's a difference between hurt and harm.
- Harm is either intentional, ongoing, or detrimental.

3) Talk to the person.

"correct a wise person and they will love you. 9Instruct a wise person and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning." (Prov. 9:8-9)



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- Confronting is sharing a concern with someone you care about.

"If your brother sins against you go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over." (Matt. 18:15)

Principles of Christlike confrontation

1) Go to the person (in person).

2) Go Privately.

"Words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing". (Prov. 12:18)

3) Go with Poise

The HALT Principle

Hungry

Angry

Lonely

Tired

"If a person is overtaken in a fault... restore them gently" (Gal. 6:1)

4) Go with support

"But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" (Matt 18:16)

- Don't go until they know.

5) GO

- We can't change a person, but we can change our proximity.
- Let them know the why and the way back in.

"For where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them." (Matt. 18:20)