

## 7-4/5-2020 Unoffendable

*"19 My dearly loved brothers, understand this: Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, 20 for man's anger does not accomplish God's righteousness." James 1:19-20*

### But don't you see how offensive \_\_\_\_\_ is?

God sees things we don't. He must, because He hasn't vaporized us yet. He must look at a seriously messed-up world and still see what can be done with it. He sees what it can and will be. (p.27)

1 Peter 2:12 *"Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that in a case where they speak against you as those who do what is evil, they will, by your good works, glorify God on the day of visitation."*

Notice they speak against you now, but glorify God on the day of visitation. That means we win some of them by conducting yourselves honorably.

### People are God's treasure.

Psalms 119:162 *"I rejoice over Your promise like one who finds vast \_\_\_\_\_."*

Matthew 6:19–21 *"19 Don't collect for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But collect for treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

We store up treasure anytime we choose to do what God says, rather than what we feel at the moment.

### But I'm tired of trusting \_\_\_\_\_? (People/God)

Perhaps a big part of being less offendable is seeing the human heart for what it is: untrustworthy. Unfaithful. Prone to selfishness. Got it. Now we don't have to be shocked. (p.32)

John 2:24–25 *"24 Jesus, however, would not entrust Himself to them, since He knew them all 25 and because He did not need anyone to testify about man; for He Himself knew what was in man."*

John 13:27 *"After Judas ate the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Therefore Jesus told him, 'What you're doing, do quickly.'"*

Jesus knew He couldn't trust His mission to man. But for three years He fully invested in....

It hurts too much to trust \_\_\_\_\_. (people/God)

Yes, the world is broken. But don't be offended by it. Instead, thank God that He's intervened in it, and He's going to restore it. (p.40)

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 *9 But as it is written: **What eye did not see and ear did not hear, and what \_\_\_\_\_ entered the human mind— God prepared this for those who love Him.** 10 Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God."*

How hard would it be to make a list of *what never entered the human mind?*