Unity… The Heartbeat of Jesus

Fending Off the Spirit Offense

James 3:1-12

**I. The Predominant Triggers of Offense**

1. Unreasonable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Placing absolute \_\_\_\_\_ in humanity.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Taking sermons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Blaming the church for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ problems.

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Taking up and embracing the offenses of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Seeking to promote \_\_\_\_ or your own \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Misplaced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Two Important Realities of the Spirit of Offense**

1. Offense only has power to burn when fueled by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Offense morphs from a natural to a spiritual issue through three major avenues:

1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Familiarity with God’s presence.

2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Perceived injury.

3) \_\_\_\_\_: Who created who?

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. The Conclusion of the Matter**

1. To \_\_\_\_\_\_ offended is a choice.

2. We all offend in \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ from time to time.

3. Offense cannot thrive where the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is predominant.