



“Ghosts of Christmas Past”

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A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

OVERCOMING OFFENSES

**YOUR LIFE IS TOO _____ AND YOUR CALLING IS TOO _____
TO LIVE _____.**

“Small people hold big grudges”

“Whenever anyone has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it.” – René Descartes

Overlooking offenses— isn’t the same as pretending it didn’t happen.

Conscious decision to “let it go.”

WITH GOD’S HELP, I’M GETTING OVER THIS

1. I’M GETTING OVER BEING EASILY OFFENDED.

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Ephesians 4:2 NLT

If I want others to give me the benefit of the doubt—I’ll do the same.

It’s not all about you

2. I’M GETTING OVER THE BIG OFFENSES.

“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Colossians 3:13 NLT

You have a choice to _____ or _____

You may have the grounds for being _____,
But that also means that through _____,
you have the grounds for _____.

Forgiving doesn’t _____ what they did—Forgiveness _____ you

Life is too short
Your calling is too big to live offended

(Short, Great, Offended, Offended, Offenses, Rehearse, Release, Hurt, Jesus, Forgiveness, Excuse, Frees)

Memory verse: *“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” - Colossians 3:13*

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize Colossians 3:13
- How easily are you offended? What's something minor that offends you?
- What are some of your most typical barriers to forgiving others?
- Who is someone you need to forgive? How will you do it?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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