

## ***Living Without Offense***

### **Acts 25:1-27**

#### Main Point:

Despite the plotting of your adversaries, make it your aim to always live without offense.

1. You have adversaries plotting your demise.
2. Nevertheless, you are to live without offense.
3. Others should also think of you as being without offense.
4. Therefore, make it your aim to live accordingly at all times.

**Dennis Johnson** “Despite the two-year lapse since the trial before Felix, the Jewish leaders had not forgotten the troublemaker Paul, nor abandoned their plotting to eliminate him.”

**Acts 24:16** 16 ... I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men. (NKJV)

**Philippians 2:14-15** 14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, (NKJV)

**Dennis Johnson** “Their case against Paul was obviously baseless. [But] political expedience gained the upper hand.”

**Acts 26:30-32** 30 When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them; 31 and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, “This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains.” 32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.” (NKJV)

**Ephesians 1:3-4** 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, (NKJV)

**Matthew 5:16** 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (NKJV)

**2 Peter 3:14** 14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; (NKJV)

**1 Peter 1:19** 19 ... [We have been redeemed] with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (NKJV)