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## **Responding to Personal Offenses! (Part 1)** **(Philemon)**

*A 5 Step Guide to Help Us Respond With a Holy Attitude:*

- 1. When tempted to have an unforgiving attitude, make yourself accountable to other Christians.** Those who love you most can encourage you and help you do the right thing.

*"... To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier and to the Church that meets in your home." (1, 2)*

- 2. When tempted to have an unforgiving attitude, reflect upon the times when God worked through you to help others.** Rehearsing past successes can be a real encouragement and motivate you to stay on track.

*"I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints... Your love has given me a great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints." (5, 7)*