

# DON'T TAKE THE BAIT

## I. Offenses will come

A. Matt. 18:7; Luke 17:1

B. Skandalon – part of the trap to which the bait is placed or attached to

1. 2 Cor. 11:29 – anything that ignites the emotions; or outrages the senses; to burn, kindle, glow, be ignited

2. Anything that arouses prejudices causing distrust & even desertion

3. Anything that causes one to stumble or is a stumbling block to others

C. We can get offended at ourselves; cause offense; take offense; and pick up on the offenses of others

## II. Offenses have deliberate effects planned by the devil

A. Mark 4:15-17 - To take away the Word

B. Acts 13:1, 2; 15:9, 36-40 - Sever Divinely joined relationships

C. Genesis 4:5, 6 - Make you live angry, mean, and mad.

D. Luke 15 - Make you withdraw, stop being productive, and it becomes a stumbling block to fulfilling your place and function in the family

## III. God foresaw every means satan would use

- Luke 10:19; Psalm 119:165; Eph. 4:32; Matt. 18:15-17