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Don't Drink The Poison – Part 2



"There is an epidemic spreading across the world, and we are the carriers of the disease. It's called Offend-itis, a skin condition whereby the thickness of our skin melts away to the point where everything offends us. Symptoms may include: hurt feelings, indignation, irritability, disappointment, grumpiness and an all-around allergic reaction to anyone who says or does something we don't like." Bill Apablasa

When we allow a place of offense to grow, it can rob us of relationships, peace, quality of life, and the very plan God has for our lives.

Genesis 37:1–11

Within Joseph's story there is opportunity for offense because of family dysfunction and Joseph's immaturity. But like every situation, we get to choose whether we feed the offense.

What happens when we drink the poison?

1. Living with an offense breaks down _____ . Genesis 37:4
2. When places of offense are not addressed it feeds _____ . Genesis 37:8

3. Offense is _____ from one person to another. Genesis 37:4,8
4. Unaddressed offense can allow toxic thoughts to grow leading us to _____ . Genesis 37:19–20

"But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children. And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them." Genesis 50:19–21

When you pour out the poison:

1. It _____ you from bitterness and the need for revenge.
2. God will _____ you and heal your heart.
3. It positions you to be a _____ to others.
4. It opens your life to God's _____ and God's _____.

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Romans 12:18

Answers: relationships; animosity; transferable; ungodly actions; frees; forgive; blessing; work, plan



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