

INTRODUCTION:**1. THE DANGER OF ARROGANT LIBERTY (8:8-12).**

- a. Paul warned the “puffed-up” that their rights might cause their brothers and sisters to fall into sin (8:9).

(1) *Stumblingblock* “A scandal, or offense, is literally a stumbling block. It is caused when something is said or done in a way that leads someone to sin or hinders their spiritual life. The deed or word is not [necessarily] sinful in and of itself, but it makes someone to stumble in their spiritual life because of its circumstances; namely, it was done at such a time, in such a place, or by such a person. It is a scandal irrespective of whether anyone is actually caused to stumble or whether the person actually intended to offend.”¹

(2) *Offense*

(3) *The seriousness of stumblingblocks and offenses (8:10-11).*

¹ Durham, James. *The Scandal of Stumbling Blocks: Avoiding Spiritual Harm* (pp. 17-18). Reformation Heritage Books.

- 1. Stumblingblocks and offenses your brother to sin (8:10).**

- 2. Stumblingblocks and offenses cause the ruin of your brother (8:11a).**

- 3. Stumblingblocks and offenses are horrific because Christ died for your brother (8:11b).**

- 4. Stumblingblocks and offenses are sins against your brother (8:12).**

- 5. Stumblingblocks and offenses are wound struck against your brother (8:12).**

(4) Sinning against your brother means sinning against Christ (8:12).

CONCLUSION: