

# Numbers 16:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

## Analysis

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Moses, deeply provoked, asked God not to respect the rebels' offering. His vehemence came not from wounded pride but from recognition that their rebellion offended God. The appeal to his own integrity—"I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them"—established that his leadership had been selfless, not exploitative.

## Historical Context

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Moses' self-defense echoes Samuel's later appeal when Israel rejected his leadership (1 Samuel 12:3-5). Both leaders served sacrificially yet faced rejection. Their clean consciences before God enabled them to appeal confidently for divine vindication. Faithful service creates moral authority even when opposed.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does serving with integrity prepare you for seasons of opposition or accusation?
2. When is it appropriate to appeal to your own faithfulness in response to false charges?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְחִרֵּן מֹשֶׁה מְאֹד לְמַשְׁהָ וַיֹּאמֶר  
**wroth** **And Moses** **was very** **and said** H413 **unto the LORD** H408 **Respect**  
H2734 H4872 H3966 H559 H3068 H6437

אֲלֹא מִנְחַת מְרַאֲת כְּמָתְתִּים אֲלֹא  
H413 **not thou their offering** H3808 **ass** H2543 **one** H1992 **I have not taken**  
H4503 H3808 H259 H1992 H5375

אֲלֹא מִנְחַת מְרַאֲת כְּמָתְתִּים אֲלֹא  
H3808 **from them neither have I hurt** H853 **one** H1992  
H7489 H259 H1992

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 7:2** (Parallel theme): Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

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