

Forgiveness

Matthew 18:34-35 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

- Biggest hindrance to answered prayer
- Biggest cause of sickness
- Biggest reason many are not in fellowship

Psalms 103.1-3 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and **all** that is within me, bless His Holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not **all** his benefits. 3 Who forgiveth **all** thine iniquities; who healeth **all** thy diseases.

Ephesians 4:31-32 Let **all** bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put from you, with **all** malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Signs of Unforgiveness:

- **Bitterness**

Hebrews 12: 14-15 AMP Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration *and* holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord. 15 Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure God's grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it—

Grudge: resentment: a feeling of resentment or ill will, especially one lasting for a long time

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

- **Reaction to someone's name being mentioned**
- **Avoidance**

Different views on unpardonable sin:

- **Attributing the works of the Holy Spirit to satan.**
- **Resisting the Holy Spirit's call to salvation.**
- **Suicide.**
- **Unforgiveness.**

Mark 11:25-26 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Person who says, "I can't forgive" are really saying, "Jesus death on the cross was powerless and a waste of time. It means nothing!"

I know people who have taken 10, 20 30 years or more to forgive someone My response:

- **Praise God they got victory!**
- **Does it have to take that long?**

Correct Answer:

How to forgive:

NO

1. **Recognize your forgiveness from the father.**
2. **Realize you may be part of or the entire problem. Be willing to ask forgiveness on your part whether they do or not.**
 - **Write a letter if you can't do it in person or on the phone (not on e-mail)**
3. **Go to the person and let them know how they have hurt you.**

Matthew 18:15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

4. **Confess your forgiveness for them (daily if necessary)**
5. **Pray for your offenders**

Matthew 5:43-44 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

"Vindicate me without causing harm to anyone else"

6. **Stop talking about offenses to other people. Let it go!**

Luke 6:27-28 "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 "bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

I have a Friend going through a divorce. He is angry, consumed with the past, rehashing his disappointments. He has to forgive or it will destroy him!

Ephesians 4:26-27 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

7. **Make forgiveness a way of life. Confess that you are a forgiving person**