

Romans 13:10 *“Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”*

3. Rebuilding a relationship is not a condition of forgiveness.

Matthew 18:27 *“Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.”*

Romans 12:18 *“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”*

4. The evidences that you have forgiven from your heart:

- A. You don't remind the offender of his offense.
- B. You don't discuss the offense with others.
- C. You refuse to think about the offense in your mind.

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Philippians 4:8 *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*

2 Corinthians 10:5 *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”*



Notes:

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LESSON 9: FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness

Why Must I Forgive?

1. Because I have been forgiven.
I John 2:12 *"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake."*

Psalm 86:5 *"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."*

I John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
2. Because God commands me to forgive.
Ephesians 4:32 *"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

Colossians 3:13 *"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."*

How do I Forgive?

1. Make a decision to settle your account.
2. Realize Jesus Christ settled your account.
I John 2:2 *"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."*

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Luke 23:34 *"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."*
3. Have compassion on the offender, as Christ did when He forgave us.
Matthew 18:27 *"Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt."*
4. Release the offender from all wrong.
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Further Understanding of Forgiveness

1. Remember that justice is God's business

Romans 12:17 *"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."*

Romans 12:19 *"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."*

2. Forgiveness is an act of the will.
Hebrews 8:12 *"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."*
3. Pray for those who hurt you.
Matthew 5:44 *"...and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."*

Luke 23:34 *"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."*

The Results of not Forgiving

1. We will become bitter.
Hebrews 12:15 *"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;"*
2. We will be tormented.
Matthew 18:33-35 *"Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."*
3. We surrender control to the Devil.
Ephesians 4:26-27 *"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil."*

2 Corinthians 2:11 *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us..."*

Practical Helps on Forgiveness

1. Forgiveness can be a process.
Matthew 18:21-22 *"Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."*
2. Forgiving does not mean you will forget the offense.
Matthew 18:27 *"Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt."*