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Learning to Forgive



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Learning to forgive is one of the most important lessons in our Christian lives.



- Forgiveness is taught all the way through the Bible:
- When we forgive,
we are being obedient to God.
- When we forgive,
we damage the work of Satan on the earth.
- When we forgive,
we bring peace to our hearts.





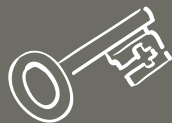
Six Questions and Answers on Forgiveness

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- Who do we forgive?
Anyone who has sinned against us.
- Where do we forgive?
We forgive both in private and in public.
- How do we forgive?
By releasing anyone who has sinned against us from the responsibility of their sin towards us.





1. God commands us to forgive anyone who has sinned against us.



Matthew 18:21–22

“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’”

Colossians 3:13

“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Acts 13:38

“Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.”



Seven Keys in Learning to Forgive

- God has forgiven us and so He demands that we forgive others.
- God has forgiven us far more than we could ever forgive anyone else.
- Forgiveness shows how serious we are in following the Lord.
- We cannot choose not to forgive a person. It is a command.

Answer the Question: Why do you think forgiveness is so important?



Seven Keys in Learning to Forgive



2. When we forgive someone, we experience freedom in our hearts.



Mark 11:25

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

1 Peter 3:9

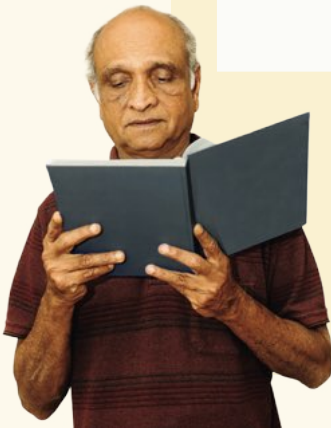
“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”



Seven Keys in Learning to Forgive

- Forgiveness brings relief and release in our lives.
- Forgiveness brings new spiritual power to our lives.
- Forgiveness brings unity to people who have been separated.
- Forgiveness brings joy where there has been sorrow.

Answer the Question: Do we forgive some people but not others or do we forgive anyone who has sinned against us?





3. God can give us the strength to forgive.



2 Corinthians 12:10

“Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Ephesians 3:16

“I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,”



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- God is pleased when we forgive.
He gives us the power to forgive.
- We must ask God to give us strength
where we are weak in not forgiving
someone.
- God desires to give us the strength to
forgive.
- We receive strength by asking Him in
prayer.

Answer the Question:

*Do you need God's strength to forgive
someone?*





4. When we forgive, the power of Satan is broken in our lives.



Colossians 1:13–14

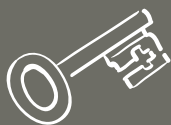
“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

- Satan hates forgiveness because it means he has lost his power.
- When we forgive, Satan is no longer in control of the situation.
- When we forgive others, we prove to him that God is at work in our lives.
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Answer the Question: Why do you think Satan loses his power in forgiveness?



5. When we forgive, God creates the possibility of healing in relationships.

Ephesians 4:32

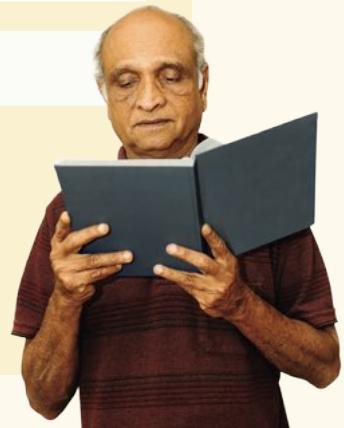
“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

John 13:34

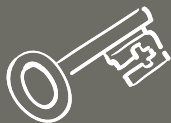
“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

- Families are healed through forgiveness.
- Villages are healed through forgiveness.
- Churches are healed through forgiveness.
- Relationships are healed through forgiveness.

Answer the Question: Can you think of someone you need to forgive?



Seven Keys in Learning to Forgive



6. When we forgive, it is a testimony to the world around us.

Luke 17:3-4

“So watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

Acts 7:59-60

“While they were stoning him (killing him because he believed in Jesus), Stephen prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’”



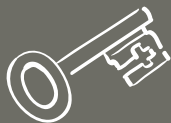
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- Forgiveness is a very powerful testimony to our family and friends.
- Forgiveness shows our family and friends the power of God is at work in our lives.
- People find it hard to forgive and so when they see forgiveness it has impact upon them.

Answer the Question: Why do you think people find it hard to forgive?



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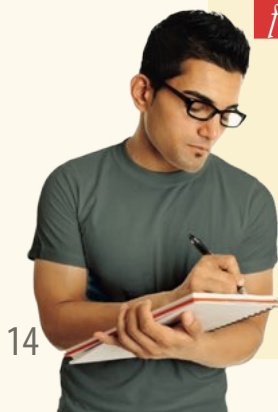
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2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

- When we release a person from their sin, it is as if it never happened.
- If sins are forgotten, then they are never used in conversation ever again.
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Answer the Question: Do you think you can forgive and forget a person's sins?





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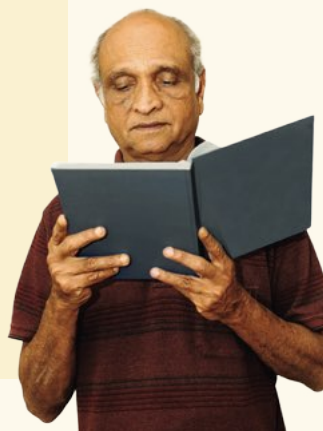


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