

Forgiveness

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Sometimes the first step to forgiveness is recognizing the other person is a complete idiot!

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**Forgive your enemies, but
never forget their names.**

John F. Kennedy

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Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.

C. S. Lewis

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**Not forgiving someone is like
drinking poison and expecting
the other person to die.**

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There is no love without
forgiveness...

and there is no forgiveness
without Love.

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**If you forgive those who sin against you,
your heavenly Father will forgive you.**

**But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will
not forgive your sins.**

Matt 6:14, 15 NLT

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Forgiveness is more than
just saying that I'm sorry.

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“It is releasing someone
from a debt”

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“I owe a debt
I can never pay”

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“I need to remember,
I don't deserve Gods
forgiveness”

Forgiveness Is-

- Removing control that an offender has over you.
- Giving a gift to yourself.
- Letting go of revenge.
- “Trusting” in Gods perfect Judgment.
- Sometimes an ongoing process. 70x7
- Wanting what is “good” for the offender.

Forgiveness is not-

- Forgetting that it happened.
- Looking the other way, enabling sin.
- Expecting an apology.
- Trusting the offender.
- Reconciliation. (It takes 2)
- Repentance. 70x7

Things to avoid-

- Do not dwell on the issue.
- Don't share the issue with others.
- Avoid terms "You always; You never;
- Avoid demanding your rights.
- Avoid being "Overly critical".
- Avoid accusations.

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Pièce de résistance

Love

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

Love

⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

I Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT

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- **Keeping short accounts**
- **Be Honest**
- **Seek Reconciliation**
- **Biblical Reconciliation**
- **Will not share the issue with others.**

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- **Pray**
- **Mediate**
- **Seek Humility**

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Above all

Be Forgetful

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Galatians 5:22, 23

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