

THE GRUDGE

The Grudge - Part 1 - I'm Over It
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Responses to Offenses

- **HOT-TEMPERED ANGER.**

Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly. - Proverbs 14:29

An angry person starts fights; a hot-tempered person commits all kinds of sin. Proverbs 29:22

- **CONSTANT CONFLICT.**

Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses.
- Proverbs 10:12

An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city.
Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars.
- Proverbs 18:19

- **GOSSIP.**

Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends. - Proverbs 17:9

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense. - Proverbs 19:11

- **Instead of a grudge, fill in the gaps with GRACE.**

Filling the Gaps with Grace

1) Grace keeps me FOCUSED on what God wants to do in my life.

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.
- Ephesians 4:1

2) Grace helps me make ALLOWANCE for the faults of others.

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together - Ephesians 4:2-3

3) Grace reminds me that God has been GRACIOUS TO ME.

²⁹ Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. ³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. - Ephesians 4:29-32