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Thomas Watson defines it by saying, "We forgive others when we strive against all thoughts of revenge, when we will not do our enemies mischief, but we wish well on them. We grieve with them. We pray for them. We seek reconciliation with them and show ourselves ready on all occasions to relieve them."



Matthew 6:14-15 says

"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses"

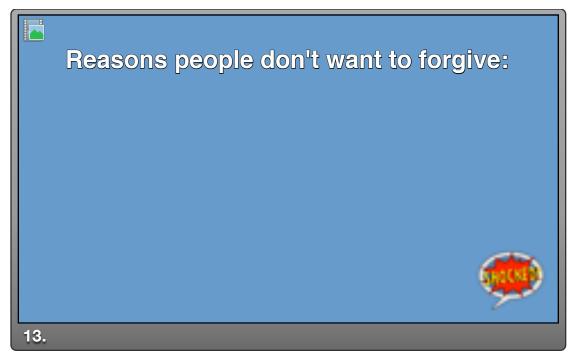


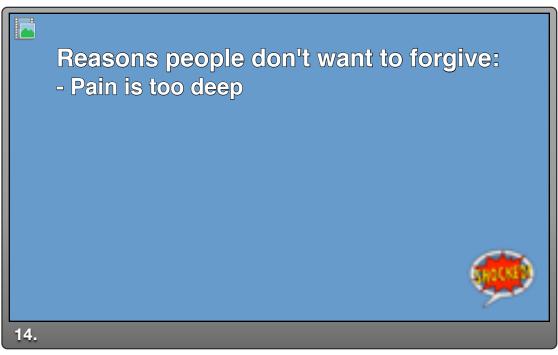
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You have not enjoyed God's unmerited forgiveness if you are unable or unwilling to respond in kind towards others.









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