

Forgiveness

Pt. 3 - How do I Forgive?

Base my forgiveness on what God has done for me, rather than on what the person has done to me.

See my offender through the eyes of Jesus.

Choose to pay off the debt the person owes me.

Stop replaying the hurt.

Focus on the future.

Learn from the past, but don't live in the past.

Only I can choose the position of my heart.

Prov. 10:12 *Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.*

Prov. 17:9 *He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.*

Prov. 17:9 *Overlook an offense and bond a friendship; fasten on to a slight and - goodbye, friend! (The Message)*

Prov. 12:6 *A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.*

Choose to forgive.

I must forgive – even if there is no repentance.

Forgiveness is getting the hurt out of my spirit.

Some things, I can passively clear from my spirit.

Other things, I must actively clear from my spirit.

Release the person from my prison.

Lesson: Once I have forgiven others, I can rejoice and receive God's forgiveness.

Mt. 6:14“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”