

St. Paul's Notes

50 Days of God's Love

LOVE IS FORGIVING

Part 7 of 8

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"Love doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do."
1 Corinthians 13:5b (CEV)

FORGIVENESS QUIZ

A person should not be forgiven until he asks for it.

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Forgiving includes minimizing the offense & the pain caused.

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Forgiveness includes restoring trust and reuniting a relationship.

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You haven't really forgiven until you've forgotten the offense.

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When I see someone hurt, it is my duty to forgive the offender.

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I. WHAT FORGIVENESS IS NOT

1. It isn't _____
2. It isn't _____ the seriousness of the offense.
3. It isn't _____ a relationship without changes.
4. It isn't _____ what happened.
5. It isn't _____ when I wasn't the one who was hurt.

II. WHAT IS GENUINE FORGIVENESS?

1. RELINQUISHING _____

"...Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for He has said that He will repay those who deserve it." Romans 12:19 (LB)

"Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others." Hebrews 12:15 (Ph)

2. RESPONDING _____

"...do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you." Luke 6:27-28

3. REPEATING THE PROCESS _____

"Peter asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" 'No.' Jesus replied, 'seventy times seven!'" Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

THE SECRET OF FORGIVENESS:

REMEMBER _____

"Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

"You were dead because of your sins ... Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross." Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)

"... submitting to baptism. Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as he did Christ." Colossians 2:12 (Mes)