

# Love Is Forgiving

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Key Verse

## 1 Corinthians 13:3-8 (NCV)

"I gain nothing if I do not have love. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done. Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always remains strong. Love never ends.

## 1 Corinthians 13:5b (CEV)

"Love doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do."

## Forgiveness Quiz

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| A Person should not be forgiven until he asks for it.              | T / F |
| Forgiving includes minimizing the offense & the pain caused.       | T / F |
| Forgiveness includes restoring trust and reuniting a relationship. | T / F |
| You haven't really forgiven until you've forgotten the offense.    | T / F |
| When I see someone hurt, it is my duty to forgive the offender.    | T / F |

## What Forgiveness is Not:

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

## What is Genuine Biblical Forgiveness?

1. Christ-Like Forgiveness is: Relinquishing: \_\_\_\_\_

### Romans 12:9 (LB)

"...Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for He has said that He will repay those who deserve it."

### Hebrews 12:15 (PH)

"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."

2. Christ-Like Forgiveness is: Responding: \_\_\_\_\_

### Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)

"...do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you."

3. Christ-Like Forgiveness is: Repeating The Process: \_\_\_\_\_

### Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

"Peter asked, 'Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?' 'No.' Jesus replied, 'seventy times seven!'"

## The Secret of Forgiveness:

1. Remember: \_\_\_\_\_.

### Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

"Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

### Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

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

2. Remember: \_\_\_\_\_.

It Doesn't Work.

### Proverbs 14:10 (TEV)

"Your joy is your own; your bitterness is your own."

3. Remember: \_\_\_\_\_.

You're Going to Need Forgiveness in the Future

### Luke 6:37b (NIV)

"Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

ANSWER

Makes You Miserable; Forgiveness Is A Two-Way Street  
Evil With Good; As Long As Necessary; How Much I Have Been Forgiven; Bitterness  
Conditional; Minimizing; Resuming; Forgetting; My Right; My Right To Get Even; To

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