



“Walking in Forgiveness”

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I. ***Ephesians 4:23-32***

A. Jesus showed us a more excellent way...

1. ***Luke 6:35-36....***
2. Your reward shall be great....

B. Pros & Cons

1. The “Pro” is you live a happy, peaceful life (The Blessed Life).
2. The “Con” is you live unhappy and confused (The Cursed Life).
3. Forgiveness opens God’s treasure to His Presence and it is within His Presence that you are able to receive the things that are freely given to you (Healing, Prosperity, Joy, etc....) (When you are walking in forgiveness, you have clarity!)
4. Many ailments and incurable diseases have a root of anger, resentment, or un-forgiveness acting as a strong-hold. Release the anger, and the disease will leave because it has nothing to hold on to!

II. ***Colossians 3:12-15***

A. Forgiveness....What is it?

1. ***To Pardon (Greek meaning)***
2. ***To stop feeling angry or resentful toward someone for an offense, flaw, or mistake; to cancel a debt (Dictionary)***
3. Forgiveness is a choice.
4. Forgiveness...what it is not: It is not forgetting.

B. The Importance reiterated...

1. ***Mark 11:25-26*** (The Laws of God hinge on the power of forgiveness)
2. ***Matthew 18:21-22*** – Instead of thinking about what you need to do...think about how you need to LIVE.

C. How to know that you have truly forgiven someone...

1. The thoughts of the hurt or the pain doesn’t control you. (You have learned to fight it spiritually instead of physically and emotionally at this point....casting down imaginations and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. - ***II Corinthians 10:4-5***).
2. You can walk up to the person who you perceive has done you wrong and it not affect your thoughts and behavior toward them. (This is a big one: Most people avoid people who have hurt them....what do you do?).
3. The Test to Real Forgiveness
 - ***The First Thought Test*** (When the first thought about them is not the harm or pain they have caused in your life, you are on the right track).
 - ***Opportunity to Help Them Test*** (Would you help that person if they were in need?)
 - ***The Revenge & Failure Test*** – Have you stopped looking for them to fail?