

Love is Forgiving

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1 Corinthians 13:5

I. The _____ of forgiveness

A. Forgiveness is not _____ the _____ of the offense.

1. Some are _____.
2. Some are _____.

B. Forgiveness is not _____ a relationship.

1. Forgiveness is _____ while trust must be _____ over a long period of time.
2. Forgiveness takes care of the _____ done by letting the person off the hook, but does not guarantee _____.

Steps in the restoration process:

- a. Demonstrate _____ repentance.
- b. Make _____ whenever possible.
- c. Prove they have _____ over time.

C. Forgiveness is not _____ the score.

Types of Forgiveness:

1. _____ forgiveness—A reduction in _____ feelings, but no _____.

2. _____ forgiveness—A reduction in negative feelings and a _____ restoration of relationships, but little decrease in the _____ intensity.
3. _____ forgiveness—A total _____ of negative feelings and a fully _____ relationship.
 - a. Being _____ of offense and _____ forgiving
 - b. Keeping no _____ of wrongs
 - c. Refusing to _____
 - d. Not _____ of what they did to others
 - e. Being _____ and _____
 - f. _____ God
 - g. Living out the _____ condition of a _____ heart

II. The _____ of unforgiveness

- A. _____ my right to get even
 1. _____ has forgiven you
 2. Bitterness makes you _____
 3. You are going to need _____ forgiveness
 4. When you fail to forgive you end up _____ the _____.
- B. _____ to evil with good.
 1. Ultimate level of _____
 2. Puts us in the _____ position
 3. Moves us away from _____ for “ _____ people _____ people.”
- C. _____ the process as long as necessary.

Forgiveness is a choice!!