

# FREE TO FORGIVE

## FREE TO LOVE, PART 3

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### Forgiveness Quiz

A person should not be forgiven until they ask for it.

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Forgiveness involves minimizing the offense and the pain caused.

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Forgiveness includes restoring trust and reuniting a relationship.

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

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### What Forgiveness Is Not

1. It is not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is not \_\_\_\_\_  
the seriousness of the offense.
3. It is not \_\_\_\_\_  
a relationship without changes.
4. It is not \_\_\_\_\_  
what happened.

### What Is Genuine Forgiveness?

1. Relinquishing my right to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. Romans 12:19*

2. Responding to evil with \_\_\_\_\_.

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

*Love keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:5*

3. Repeating the process as long as \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"*

*"No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" Matthew 18:21-22 NLT*

### Why Forgive Others?

1. God has \_\_\_\_\_.

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

2. The alternative is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. Hebrews 12:15 NLT*

3. God expects me to \_\_\_\_\_.

*For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:15*

*All day long they are merciful and deal graciously; they lend, and their offspring are blessed. Psalm 37:26 AMP*