

Forgive 2

I. _____ it.

II. Now _____ it.

III. See an _____ of it.

IV. Learn how to _____ it.

V. Now go _____ it.

Titus Fellowships

Questions to ask yourself concerning forgiveness

Am I easily offended, easily provoked? Am I holding a grudge or offended by something that I see is wrong but it's really not?

Love does not take account a wrong suffered – it is not easily provoked

When I'm offended, should I take into account that perhaps I'm going through a difficult time and I'm more offended than I would be otherwise? Such as it being "that time of the month," or I'm in the middle of a stressful situation or I'm grieving and my heart is raw?

Do I place expectations on other people that I would never want them to place on me?

Do I get hurt by people because they are not doing what I think they should but in reality they cannot read my mind?

Do I extend grace and lovingkindness and forgiveness In the same way I want those things to be extended to me?

Do I try to believe the best in people?

If I know I have offended someone, do I say "I'm sorry if I offended you?" It's better to say "I'm sorry I hurt you" rather than using the word "if". If I know they are hurt, why say IF. When we do that, we are usually trying to protect ourselves rather than looking out for the best interest of the person we hurt.

1 Corinthians 13

13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have *the gift of prophecy*, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

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4 Love is patient,

Even when I feel like screaming, blurting, expressing myself. Another way to think of this is that biblical Love is steady – forbearing, puts up with trials and difficulties.

love is kind,

Even when I want to return evil for evil. Look up 1 Peter 3:8-9 and list the commands found in these verses. I found eight. Then find the results of obeying these commands found at the end of verse 9.

and is not jealous;

Even when others are doing better or getting more or seem happier than me. Love has no rivals and does not seek to put others down. Love is not paranoid or suspicious of other's motives.

love does not brag

Even when I want everyone to know “how great I am” or “how well I’ve done.” Instead a woman who really knows biblical love praises others and is even embarrassed when others praise her.

and is not arrogant,

Even when I know I ‘m right and others are wrong. Love does not gloat or have an “I told you so mentality.”

5 does not act unbecomingly;

Even when I can get a laugh or say something sarcastic that might hurt someone. Love has good manners – is not rude or overbearing.

it does not seek its own,

Even when I really want my own way. Even when I can actually have my own way. Love chooses to put others first.

is not provoked,

Even when I feel offended

does not take into account a wrong suffered,

There it is – walking in forgiveness. Even when I have every right to hold a grudge because I really have suffered a wrong.

6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness,

Even when it seems deserved. Love is saddened and grieved over unrighteousness.

but rejoices with the truth;

Even when it is easier just to be silent and say nothing or easy to lie. Love tells the truth even when it hurts.

7 bears all things, (even in disappointment)

believes all things, (even when I think I can't trust anyone anymore)

hopes all things, (even when it seems all hope is lost)

endures all things. (even when I think I just can't go on anymore)

8 Love never fails; (even when my situation seems hopeless)

but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.