

**Berean Christian Church  
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**Vacation Bible School**

**Issues of the Heart**

**“The Unforgiving Heart”  
Day 2**

**I. Realities about Forgiveness**

Listed below are biblical insights about the subject of forgiveness.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ person in the world needs forgiveness.  
**Romans 3:23-25**  
*“Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God’s glorious standard, 24) and all need to be made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They need to be made free from sin through Jesus Christ. 25) God sent him to die in our place to take away our sins. We receive forgiveness through faith in the blood of Jesus’ death. This showed that God always does what is right and fair, as in the past when he was patient and did not punish people for their sins.” (NCV)*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ should be the standard for your forgiveness.  
**Colossians 3:13**  
*“Bear with each other, and forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you.” (NCV)*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ can help you practice forgiveness.  
**1 Peter 4:8**  
*“Most importantly, love each other deeply, because love will cause people to forgive each other for many sins.” (NCV)*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive others hinders your forgiveness.  
**Matthew 6:12**  
*“Forgive us for our sins, just as we have forgiven those who sinned against us.” (NCV)*
5. \_\_\_\_\_ must make a choice to practice forgiveness.  
**2 Timothy 4:16**  
*“The first time I defended myself, no one helped me; everyone left me. May they be forgiven.” (NCV)*

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## II. The Necessities regarding Forgiveness

Listed below are people believers should seek to continually forgive.

1. Believers should continually forgive \_\_\_\_\_.  
**1 Samuel 15:24-25**  
*“Then Saul admitted to Samuel, “Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the Lord’s command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded. 25) But now, please forgive my sin and come back with me so that I may worship the Lord.” (NLT)*
  
2. Believers should continually forgive \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Genesis 50:15-21**  
*“When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?” 16) So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died: 17) ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept. 18) His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said. 19) But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21) So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.” (NIV)*
  
3. Believers should continually forgive their \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Romans 12:19-20**  
*“My friends, do not try to punish others when they wrong you, but wait for God to punish them with his anger. It is written: “I will punish those who do wrong; I will repay them,” says the Lord. 20) But you should do this: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. Doing this will be like pouring burning coals on his head.” (NCV)*
  
4. Believers should continually forgive \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Luke 17:3-4**  
*“So be careful! “If another follower sins, warn him, and if he is sorry and stops sinning, forgive him. 4) If he sins against you seven times in one day and says that he is sorry each time, forgive him.” (NCV)*
  
5. Believers should continually forgive their \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Proverbs 17:9**  
*“You will keep your friends if you forgive them, but you will lose your friends if you keep talking about what they did wrong.” (CEV)*

### III. Practicalities of Forgiveness

Listed below are various ways believers should strive to forgive others.

1. Believers should seek to forgive others \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**Ephesians 4:32**  
*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (NIV)*
  
2. Believers should seek to forgive others \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**Luke 15:20-24**  
*“So the son left and went to his father. “While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him and hugged and kissed him. 21) The son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. 22) But the father said to his servants, ‘Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23) And get our fat calf and kill it so we can have a feast and celebrate. 24) My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!’ So they began to celebrate.” (NCV)*
  
3. Believers should seek to forgive others \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**Matthew 6:14-15**  
*“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15) But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” (NLT)*
  
4. Believers should seek to forgive others \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**Acts 7:58-60**  
*“They took him out of the city and began to throw stones at him to kill him. And those who told lies against Stephen left their coats with a young man named Saul. 59) While they were throwing stones, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60) He fell on his knees and cried in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” After Stephen said this, he died.” (NCV)*
  
5. Believers should seek to forgive others \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**Matthew 18:21-22**  
*“Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?” 22) “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!” (NCV)*