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House of Healing

Why should I forgive?

1. God _____.

Psalms 103:2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion...

- _____ people forgive people.

2. God's _____ is to forgive.

Luke 23:32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

- _____ people hurt people.

3. I am to forgive others as _____.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 “There is not a single person in all the earth who is always good and never sins.”

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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

4. Not forgiving hurts _____.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 It's foolish to hold a grudge.

- Give up the right to _____.

Romans 12:19 “Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it.”

5. God’s forgiveness is tied to _____.

Matthew 6:14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Mark 11:25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

Luke 6:37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Forgiveness is not...

1. _____ it didn’t hurt

- When you minimize a _____, you cheapen _____.

2. A _____

3. Immediately _____

- Trust is established by _____ and _____.
- Forgiveness is about _____. Trust is about _____.

4. An _____ or a _____

- First choice: Choose not to be _____

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

Proverbs 17:9 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:9 (MSG) Overlook an offense and bond a friendship; fasten on to a slight and—goodbye, friend!

Proverbs 12:16 A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.

Proverbs 20:22 Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.

- The Second Choice: Choose to _____

Forgiveness is...

1. Forgiveness is getting the _____ out of my spirit.

- I can _____ or _____ clear from my spirit.

2. Forgiveness is a _____. And forgiveness is a _____.