

FORGIVENESS

As the world celebrate Easter we also join, Easter is the time we reflect through the agony our Lord went through for our sake

It's through the death of Jesus that we have received forgiveness of our sins

Definition of Forgiveness:

To grant free pardon or remission of any offense or debt; **to give up all claim.**

Forgiveness is a foundational principle to Christian living} yet one of the very things that holds many in bondage [**slavery**] today.

The funny truth!

Most are fine with the principle of forgiveness but never truly execute its full meaning in their life.

Note that!

The absence of forgiveness in a person's life is a destructive bondage causing; strife, division, depression, oppression, sickness, divorce, and even hell

KEYS TO WALKING IN FORGIVENESS

1) Forgiveness is a command not a suggestion.

Matt 6:14-15

This is right after the Lord taught His disciples how to pray.

This is a spiritual principle

If our father will not forgive us for not forgiving others then forgiveness is a command not a good idea or suggestion

Forgiveness is a debt that we owe to others because they have let us down as we have to others

Quiz

How many people do you have issues against today? Name some!

Matthew 5:23-24

This shows that we should not wait people to come to us, we should go to people as request them to reconcile

This is not a loophole for not giving rather a call to be urgent to reconcile and offer the

gift at the same time.

God doesn't want to talk to us until we have reconciled our differences with one another.

2) There is no limit to forgiveness.

Matt 18:21-22

In human nature we have limitations to forgiveness but not with God

According to Peter seven times is really along time but is it a long time when you are the one seeking forgiveness?

Jesus didn't mean forgive 490 times and stop, it is limitless.

How many times do you want to be forgiven? As long as you need forgiveness be willing to give it out .

Ps 103:12

We should learn to forgive as God forgives.

3) Unforgiveness holds us in bondage.

Matt 18:23-35

It is being wicked not to forgive. Forgiveness is an act of mercy and you give it out when you realize you need it

It prevents the forgiveness from the Father.

We were forgiven a debt that we could never pay back, any debt to us is very small in comparison yet we want to collect on it anyway.

Vs. 34 He was delivered to the torturers.

It opens up the door to physical and mental illness

It can limit or even cut off blessings in our life.

According to **[Mat. 6:14-15]** we can block our own forgiveness.- If we don't forgive, we cannot be forgiven.

Unforgiveness is a sin which blocks prosperity.

It leaves us bitter and our hearts hardened.

4) Forgiveness is a Willing act.

None can force to forgive and no one can feel the joy of forgiveness a part from the one doing it.

Forgiveness is not a feeling but a decision. [Romans 5:8] while still sinners Christ died for us

It is continual (past, present and future)

It is of the spirit - not the flesh, not the soul.

You must be able to see your offender as a living spirit, not an enemy, Not some challenge on life's little merry way, not just a speed bump on your road to paradise.

5) Reconciliation is always the answer.

Rom 12:14-18

We cannot afford any areas of unforgiveness in our life.

We must keep our conscience clear and keep ourselves reconciled to others.

Don't dwell on it

Command your soul to be subject to you spirit.

"Always forgive your enemies – nothing annoys them so much like lack of it."

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Matthew 5:43-48

We are called to love one another and especially those who seems to be your enemies

Matthew 18:1-3

We are been called to serve and there is no serving without giving