

Series Title:

“The Forgiveness Factor”

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“The Road to Reconciliation”

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Introduction:

- There are three things that are absolutely necessary in order for there to be reconciliation in our broken and damaged relationships:

I. Reconciliation Requires _____ (v. 17)

- *Onesimus’ repentance is not presented to us _____; rather it is presented _____!*

- **How do we know that Onesimus had truly repented?**

- What is the meaning of the words “repentance” and “confession”?

- **True repentance is seen in _____!**

- In Ken Sande’s book *The Peacemaker*, he presents what he calls the *seven A’s of Confession*:

1. _____ Everyone Involved 5. _____ the Consequences

2. _____ If, But, and Maybe 6. _____ Your Behavior

3. _____ Specifically 7. _____ for Forgiveness and _____ Time

4. _____

Repentance is _____ on _____!

- Matthew 5:23-24

II. Reconciliation Requires _____ (v. 17)

- The word translated “accept” means “to take to oneself, to take in _____, or _____ or _____.”

- **The reason why Onesimus was ready to be taken back was because he had come in _____!**

- The most literal meaning of the word “forgive” is “to _____, to _____ or to _____.”

“Forgiveness is the miracle of offering the other person a new beginning.”

- Let me give you four things that will happen in the life of a Christian who chooses not to forgive:
 - 1) ***Failure to forgive makes you a _____ to your _____*** (Philippians 3:14)
 - 2) ***Failure to forgive produces _____ in your _____*** (Ephesians 4:31-32)
 - 3) ***Failure to forgive gives Satan an open _____ into your _____*** (Ephesians 4:26-27;
II Corinthians 2:10-11)
 - 4) ***Failure to forgive hinders _____ with your _____*** (Matthew 6:14-15)
- Where do we get the strength to forgive? (*John 15:4-5; Philippians 4:19*)
- **If repentance is to be met with *forgiveness*, then it is impossible to forgive the _____!**
- ***Forgiveness is a righteous _____ to a repentant _____ - it is _____, not _____!***

There are basically two ways that we can respond to an offense:

We Can _____ It

Proverbs 10:12; 17:9; I Peter 4:8

- or -

We Can _____ It

I Corinthians 5:1-5; Matthew 18:15-20

Conclusion:

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.