

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 True Repentance (v. 17)

II. Reconciliation Requires _____ (v. 17)

- 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 prisoner to your past** (Philippians 3:14)

*“If you allow the person who offended you in the past to go on offending you the rest of your life – it’s **your** fault, not theirs!”*

2) **Failure to forgive produces** _____ ***in your*** _____ (Ephesians 4:31-32)

- ✓ The more the offense occupies your _____, the more it shapes your _____!

Bitterness isn’t just a _____, it’s an _____!

3) **Failure to forgive gives Satan an open** _____ ***into your*** _____ (Ephesians 4:26-27)

- ✓ The word translated “*opportunity*” literally means “a _____.”

- ✓ II Corinthians 2:10-11

4) **Failure to forgive hinders** _____ ***with your*** _____ (Matthew 6:14-15)

This is not a _____ but a _____!

- ✓ The attitude which enables us to _____ forgiveness is the same attitude which compels us to _____ it.

- The Forgiveness is not a _____; it is an act of the _____!

_____ is the true test of forgiveness.

- 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 pro _____!

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:

Are you willing to travel the road to reconciliation?

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.