

LOVE HONOR BUILD UP WELCOME INSTRUCT
GREET SERVE BEAR WITH BE KIND FORGIVE
PRAY BE AT PEACE LIVE IN HARMONY SUBMIT
CONFESS SIN HAVE CONCERN BE HOSPITABLE
BE AT PEACE BUILD UP ENCOURAGE BE HUMBLE

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Forgive One Another

Matthew 18:21-35

∞ **Forgiveness is imperative**

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WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

The word Paul used in Colossians and Ephesians comes from a word that means “grace” or “favor.”

- The act of giving freely or graciously, often without expectation of return
- This is the grace God extends to us

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WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

Jesus used a word in the parable that means “to send away; to release; to let go.”

- The idea is one of releasing someone from a debt or an offense
- Forgiveness reflects a conscious decision to release someone from the burden of guilt or obligation that their offense against you has caused

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WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

When God forgives us, he no longer holds our sins against us, and he no longer condemns us because of our sin.

When we forgive someone, we no longer hold their sin against them for their condemnation, nor do we store their sin away in our mental filing cabinet with the intention of using it against them in the future.

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WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

When we extend forgiveness, we choose to lay down our right to have the one who sinned against us owe us.

Forgiveness is extending love and kindness even when it's undeserved, trusting that God will avenge our situation.

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∞ **Forgiveness is impossible**

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FORGIVENESS IS IMPOSSIBLE

Our responsibility to forgive demands that we submit to the Lordship of Christ so that God, through the Holy Spirit, can empower us to do what we could not otherwise do

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FORGIVENESS IS IMPOSSIBLE

We do not forgive because we are loving and forgiving people.

We forgive because we have been loved and forgiven.

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- ∞ **Forgiveness is imperative**
- ∞ **Forgiveness is impossible**
- ∞ **Forgiveness is impactful**

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THE IMPACT OF FORGIVENESS

- 1. Forgiveness impacts the fellowship we have with God and one another**
- 2. Forgiveness impacts the freedom in our relationship with God and one another**
- 3. Forgiveness impacts the fruit in our relationship with God and one another**

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