

TRUE FORGIVENESS

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How do we give forgiveness to other people?

Give as freely as you have received! **Matthew 10:8b**

True forgiveness *isn't*...

1. **CONDITIONAL**
2. **MINIMIZING** the seriousness of the offense
3. **RESUMING** a relationship without change
4. **FORGETTING** what happened

True Forgiveness *is*...

1. **REMEMBERING** how much I've been forgiven
Ephesians 4:32
2. **RELINQUISHING** my right to get even
Romans 12:19

3. **RESPONDING** to evil with good
Luke 6:27-28; 1 Corinthians 13:5

4. **REPEATING** the process as long as necessary
Matthew 18:21-22

Three reasons to forgive...

1. You will never have to forgive more than Jesus
Christ has already forgiven you: Colossians 3:13b
2. The alternative to forgiveness is bitterness:
Hebrews 12:15
3. God expects you to do it: Matthew 6:15