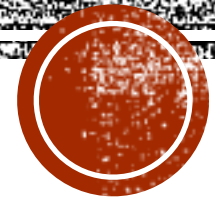




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DEFINITIONS

The Virtue: CHARITY (sacrificial love)

- The greatest and most abiding of the Christian virtues is **agape** love
- It is a unconditional, voluntary, self-sacrificial love where the good of the beloved is foremost.

The Vice: INDIFFERENCE

- Apathy; a lack of interest or concern, especially in matters of general importance or appeal;
- lack of emotion or feeling; passiveness.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-13

⁴*Agape* love is patient, *Agape* love is kind and is not jealous; *Agape* love does not brag and is not arrogant, ⁵*Agape* love does not act unbecomingly; *Agape* love does not seek its own, *Agape* love is not provoked, *Agape* love does not take into account a wrong suffered, ⁶*Agape* love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷*Agape* love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-13

⁸*Agape* love never fails... ¹¹When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. ¹³But now faith, hope, *Agape* love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is *Agape* love.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-13

1. *Agape* love is patient (v.4)
 - a. “To exercise understanding toward persons not circumstances”
2. *Agape* love does not seek its own (v.5)
 - a. “It is supernatural not superficial”
3. *Agape* love does not take into account a wrong suffered (v.5)
 - a. “Does not occupy oneself with calculations...”



WRONG!

Apologizing

Does not always
mean that you're
wrong and the other
person is right.



It just means that you
value your relationship more
than your ego



EPHESIANS 4:31-32

³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander along with every form of malice.

³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, **just as** in Christ God forgave you.



FORGIVENESS

1. It was free!

- a. It cost me nothing; cost Him the cross!

2. Jesus offered it to me

- a. In short, He let me know I was forgiven

3. He gave me a choice

- a. Do you accept my offer or reject it?



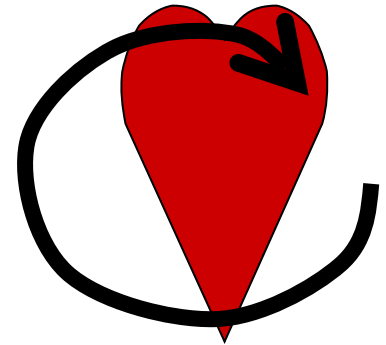
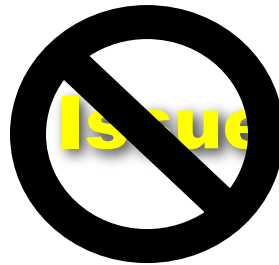
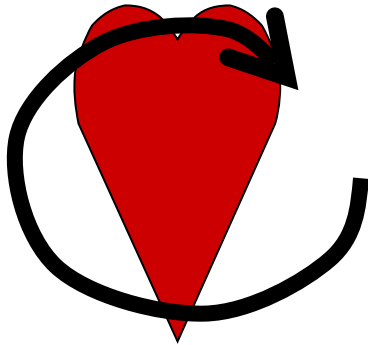
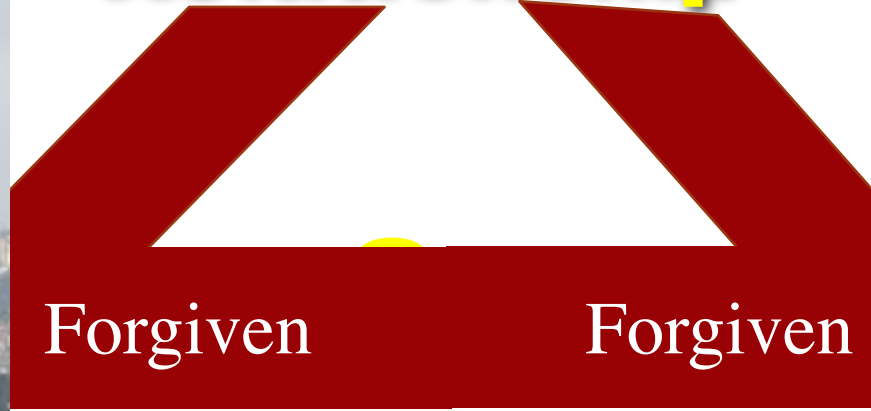
RECONCILIATION

- 1. Forgiveness is always possible; reconciliation is not!**
 - a. “If possible, as far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men” – Romans 12:18

- 2. Jesus is in broken relationships now but He 100% did His part & expects that of us**



Relationship



When the issue is above the relationship it is the relationship that becomes negotiable!

APPLICATION

1. Who do you need to seek forgiveness from?

- Go and Do! Ask someone to hold you accountable

2. Who do you need to offer forgiveness to?

- Go and Do! Ask someone to hold you accountable

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