

Forgive One Another

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Series: Strong Church

Bible text: [Ephesians 4:30-32](#)

I. EXHORTATION OF FORGIVENESS

Read [Matthew 6:14-15](#), [Colossians 3:13](#), [Ephesians 4:31-32](#), [Matthew 18:21-22](#)

II. EXAMINATION OF FORGIVENESS

How do I know that I need to forgive?

1. Resentment towards an individual
2. Replaying the wrong that was committed
3. Revening yourself of what has happened

III. EXPENSE OF LACK OF FORGIVENESS

A. The fellowship factor

Read [Hebrews 12:14-15](#)

"Bitterness grows. It distorts reality. It keeps us chained to the past. Like bad air, it pollutes, not just the bitter person, but those who come in contact with the person." – Helen Grace Lesheid

B. The favor factor

C. The forgiveness factor

Read [Matthew 6:2](#), [Matthew 6:14](#)

“Struggling to forgive is not what destroys us. As long as we are in the flesh, we will do our good deeds imperfectly, including forgiving and loving others. Jesus died to cover those imperfections.

What destroys us is the settled position that we are not going to forgive and we have not intention to forgive and we intend to cherish the grudge and fondle the wrong that someone did to me and feel the bitterness. It feels good. I like to go to bed with my wrath at night because it legitimately wronged me. I am going to hold this against him the rest of his life.” – John Piper

IV. EXTERMINATION OF UNFORGIVENESS

Practical Principles to Exterminate an Unforgiving Spirit

- A. Battle it!
- B. Bring it!
- C. Balance it!
- D. Bury it!

V. EXAMPLE OF FORGIVENESS

