

“A Forgiving Heart”

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Colossians 3:13

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- A. _____ forgiveness often hurts us more than it hurts the one we _____ to forgive.
- B. One of the greatest attributes of Jesus is His _____ heart.
- C. God’s will for us is clear: _____ with each other and _____ each other. (Col. 3:13)
- D. Three possible responses when hurt by others:
1. We can _____.
 2. We can _____.
 3. We can _____.
- E. Forgiveness does two things for the people involved:
1. Forgiveness _____.
 2. Forgiveness _____.
- F. Think of how _____ it must have been for Jesus to _____ with and _____ his disciples.
- G. Of all the times we see Jesus’ forgiving heart, none is as precious as when He _____ before his disciples and _____ their _____.
- H. We must turn our gaze away from the ones who have _____ us to the One what has _____ us.
- I. The genius of Jesus’ example is that the burden of bridge-building falls on the _____ one, not the _____ one.
- J. Relationships don’t thrive because the guilty are _____, but because the innocent are _____.
- K. Two powerful stories of forgiveness:
1. The example of the _____.
 2. The example of _____.
- L. “To err is _____, to forgive is _____.” Alexander Pope

Answer Key: Intro. A. Withholding, refuse. B. forgiving. C. Bear, forgive. D.1. flee. D.2. fight. D.3. forgive. E.1. Frees. E.2. Transforms. F. hard, bear, forgive. G. kneels, washes, feet. H. hurt, saved. I. strong, weak. J. punished, merciful. K.1. Amish. K.2. Winifred, Potenza. L. human, divine.