

Introduction:

- A. Forgiveness is the key to a healthy _____ and healthy _____.
- B. Let’s admit it, forgiveness is _____ for us, is it?
- C. Nothing good ever results from being _____.
- D. Withholding forgiveness is not a _____ or privilege, it is _____.

I. God wills that We become Grace-filled People

- A. The Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5:7, 44-45; 6:12, 14-15.
 - 1. “Blessed are the _____.”
 - 2. “_____ us our debts, as we have _____ our debtors.”
- B. Matthew 18:21-22
 - 1. “I tell you not _____ times, but _____ - _____ times.”
- C. Colossians 3:12-14

II. How can We practice Grace in Marriage?

- A. Definitions of forgiveness...
 - 1. “Surrendering my right to _____ you for _____ me.”
 - 2. “Giving up hope for a different or better _____.”
- B. Things that can help us learn to forgive:
 - 1. Remember how much we have needed _____. (Eph. 4:32)
 - 2. Understand where the offender is _____. (Lk. 23:34)
 - 3. Realize that forgiveness is what is best for _____ and _____.
- C. Forgiveness is NOT...
 - 1. Pretending it never _____.
 - 2. _____ what the other person did.
 - 3. _____.
 - 4. Giving up on _____ and _____.
 - 5. _____ - remembering vs. _____ (1 Cor. 13:5).
- D. How do we begin to forgive?
 - 1. _____ to forgive.
 - 2. _____ for God’s _____.
 - 3. _____ with _____ and _____.

Conclusion:

- A. The powers of _____ seek to destroy us and our _____.
- B. The last thing that Satan wants us to do is to _____.
- C. We are most like beasts when we _____. We are most like men when we _____. We are most like God when we _____.” W.A. Ward
- D. Marriages that are grace-filled are such a _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. soul, relationships. B. not, easy. C. unforgiving. D. right, sin. I.A.1. merciful. I.A.2. forgive, forgiven. I.B.1. seven, seventy, seven. II.A.1. hurt, hurting. II.A.2. yesterday. II.B.1. forgiveness. II.B.2. coming, from. II.B.3. them, us. II.C.1. happened. II.C.2. Excusing. II.C.3. Reconciliation. II.C.4. justice, change. II.C.5. Forgetting, rehearsing. II.D.1. Decide. II.D.2. Pray, help. II.D.3. Act, grace, love. Concl.A. darkness, marriages. B. forgive. C. kill, judge, forgive. D. blessing.