



Genuine Love Forgives

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wrongs that others do.”**

1 Corinthians 13:5b (CEV)





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What is genuine forgiveness?





1. Relinquishing my right to get even.

“...Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for He has said that He will repay those who deserve it.”

- Romans 12:19 (LB)

“Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others.”

- Hebrews 12:15 (Ph)





2. Responding to evil with good.

“...do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you.”

- Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)






3. Reconciling with someone you are angry with.

"You're familiar with the command to the ancients, 'Do not murder.' I'm telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother 'idiot!' and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell 'stupid!' at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire.





The simple moral fact is that words kill. "This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.

- Matthew 5:21-24 (MES)





4. Repeating the process as long as necessary.

“Peter asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?”

‘No.’ Jesus replied, ‘seventy times seven!’”

- Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)





The Secret of Forgiveness:

Remember how much
you've been forgiven.


“Remember, the Lord forgave
you, so you must forgive others.”
- Colossians 3:13 (NLT)





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

- Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)



"You were dead because of your sins ... Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross."

- Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)



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