



Bible Study: Tuesday, Sept 21st, 2021. TOPIC: REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS
Part 2

1. **Let your Forgiveness be sincere:** Matt 18:35, James 5:9, Lev 19:17-18. Eph 4:31-32
2. **What is the evidence of true forgiveness?** II Sam 12:13, (You are not made to pay the penalty for your error).
3. If a man remembers an offense done to him, does it mean he has not forgiven? Heb 3:8-9, Gen 50:20
4. **What is repentance.** Luke 17:3-4, Jonah 3:10, Isaiah 55:7, Prov 1:23-27. From the scriptures we read we will find out that repentance precedes forgiveness. And God expects us to repent before we are forgiven.
5. **Should we therefore refuse to forgive because the person did not repent?** Col 3:13, Mark 11:25, Rom 5:8, Prov 17:9. Acts 15:39, II Tim 4:11, How do we react to people who have refused to repent or acknowledged that they have not done right.
6. So, will God allow people into heaven without their repentance. (The business of Jesus Christ on the cross was an investment)
7. What is the evidence of true repentance? Luke 3:8, Luke 15
8. God expects us to show remorse: Num. 14: 17-23, I John 1:9
9. Must someone repent before forgiveness is effected? I don't think that is true. Mark 11:25, Rom 5:8, Luke 15:17-20, Hosea 3:1-3. John 8:10-11.
10. The people who hurt you most are the people who work or walk closely with you daily. You have very little dealings with people who are far away and as such they can hardly hurt you.

How do we handle the people that will not repent or apologize or say sorry but repeatedly offend you? Matthew 18:15-17, Rom 12:18, Heb 12:14, Rom 14:19.

How will you live in peace when you continue to avoid everyone that has offended without repenting or apologizing?

HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT CASES OF FORGIVENESS

RELATIONSHIP and FORGIVENESS: Discuss

Acts: 15:36-41

Did Paul have an unforgiving spirit or did Paul not forgive John Mark? Dake's commentary. Paul was operating according to a conviction not according to hatred. He was operating in principles and not unforgiveness. Duet 19:1-5, Col 4:10, II Tim 4:11.

7. Know when to walk away. Matt 18:15-17, Rom 16:17, I Cor 5:9-11
Poor understanding of how to handle issue might lead us to bitterness. Learn not to take offence in every matter.

8. Do not allow your relationship to hurt you to the level where your health/peace begins to deteriorate. Rom 12 17-21, Eph 4:31-32, Rom 12:19-21

9. You do not have to die to force a relationship. In a bid to stress forgiveness, some have become foolish. **While forgiveness is a do or die business, relationship is not** Rom 12:18, There is no scripture that says we must be friends or I must be in a relationship with you when it just cannot hold. Relationships survive based on certain other factors. Amos 3:3
You must never drag a relationship to the point of hatred.

10. Lastly, learn to forgive yourself. It does not matter the errors of the past, leave them and live on. Jesus paid it all.

CONCLUSION: How do you know you have hatred for a person? When you cannot exercise agape love towards that fellow or you exercise it very grudgingly or you feel bitter when his or her name is mentioned. Can you honestly pray for such a fellow? Do you see harm coming his way and you try to avert it? Think of what you can do for anybody whether known to

you or not. Bitterness must be avoided by all means, otherwise we will be hurting ourselves physically and spiritually and we might just be preparing a place for ourselves outside of heaven. Do all within you to forgive. May the Lord grant us wisdom and the strength to forgive.