The Freeing Power Of Forgiveness

DON’T TAKE THE BAIT #3

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(2 Cor 2:10-11 NIV) If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven--if there was anything to forgive--I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, (11) in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Unforgiveness Is A Scheme Of Satan To Outwit Us
Don’t Take the Bait: Offense

The Bait Of Satan Is Offense (Being Offended) Offense is a Deadly TRAP!

“Our Response To Offense Determines Our Future.”

We Forgive And Adopt A Forgiveness Mindset And Lifestyle

When God Has Our Hearts They Are Softened, Settled, Safeguarded & Sold-Out
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Read: Matthew 18:21-35

The Servant Had Been Forgiven Much -- He Wasn’t Willing To Forgive Even A Little
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**GOD FORGIVES:** (Lam 3:22-23 NIV) Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. (23) They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**GOD FORGIVES:** (1 John 1:9 NIV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
Why We Should Forgive?

1. *We Should Forgive So That Satan Will Not Be Able To Get A Foothold In Our Lives*
Why We Should Forgive?

2. There Are Many Benefits Of Forgiveness

People Who Do Forgive:

- Benefit From Better Immune Function
- Have Lower Blood Pressure
- Have Better Mental Health
- Feel Better Physically
- Have Lower Amounts Of Anger
- Have Fewer Symptoms Of Anxiety And Depression
- Are Able To Maintain More Satisfying And Long Lasting Relationships
Why We Should Forgive?

3. *Because We Are Not Perfect*

4. *Because Christ Has Forgiven Us*

5. *Because To Fail To Forgive Nullifies God's Forgiveness To Us*
How Do We Forgive?

1. Make A Decision To Forgive
2. Say The Words -- I Forgive
3. When You Forgive -- Forgive
4. When You Forgive -- Forgive Completely
5. When You Forgive -- Forgive Repeatedly
How Do We Forgive?

6. Forgiving Is Not The Same As Forgetting

7. Forgiveness And Trust Are Not The Same

8. Only In Forgiving Can We Be Christ-Like
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If You’re Harboring Ill Feelings Against Someone

Do For Them What God Has Done For You

Forgive Them!
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*If Someone Has Done Something To You That's Caused You To Hold Onto On Forgiveness*

**Don't -- Curse It**

**Don't -- Rehearse It**

**Do -- Reverse It**

- Pray For Those Who Persecute You
- Make A Conscious Decision To Forgive
- Leave It At The Feet Of Jesus
- Go And Ask For Forgiveness