

Spirit-Filled Pastor: How Unforgiveness Can Severely Damage Your Walk With Christ

Have you ever been so hurt that you decided not to forgive, no matter what? Holding onto grudges may feel like you're in control, but in reality, you are being controlled.

Unforgiveness can be a hindrance to our prayers, to receiving full deliverance and healing, and may even open doors to demons.

Why You Need to Forgive:

1. God expects us to forgive.
2. As believers, we must remember that God commands us to forgive (Matt. 6:14-15).
3. The people who have hurt you need it.
4. You can be a bridge for people to experience God's love and forgiveness when you choose to forgive.
5. It benefits you.

This small decision leads to experiencing God's peace, joy and freedom in unimaginable ways.

10 Things That Forgiveness is Not

1. It doesn't mean taking the blame for someone else's wrong or minimizing their wrong.
2. It's not waiting for an apology.
3. It's not forgetting and ceasing to feel pain.
4. It's not a one-time event. Forgive again.
5. It does not mean trusting again. Forgiveness is free, but trust must be earned.
6. It does not mean reconciliation. It takes two people to reconcile fully.

7. It's not an option. It's a command from God.
8. It's not just for us. God has gifted us His forgiveness, but He wants us to release it unto others.
9. It's not a feeling. It is a choice, regardless of how you feel.
10. It does not change the past.

We forgive because we have been forgiven (Eph. 4:32). When you decide to take the step to forgive, go before God in prayer, repent, thank Him for His forgiveness, confess with your own words that you forgive those who have hurt you and ask for healing and freedom in Jesus' name.

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