

**LOVE IS FORGIVING**  
**Living a Life of Love – Part 7**  
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*“Love doesn’t keep a record of wrongs that others do.”  
1 Corinthians 13:5b (CEV)*

**FORGIVENESS QUIZ**

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| A person should not be forgiven until they ask for it             | T F |
| Forgiving includes minimising the offence & the pain caused       | T F |
| Forgiveness includes restoring trust and reuniting a relationship | T F |
| You haven’t really forgiven until you have forgotten the offence  | T F |
| When I see someone hurt, it is my duty to forgive the offender    | T F |

**I. What forgiveness is NOT:**

1. It isn’t \_\_\_\_\_
2. It isn’t \_\_\_\_\_ the seriousness of the offence.
3. It isn’t \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship without changes.
4. It isn’t \_\_\_\_\_ what happened.
5. It isn’t \_\_\_\_\_ when I wasn’t the one who was hurt.

**II. WHAT IS GENUINE FORGIVENESS**

**1. Relinquishing \_\_\_\_\_**

*“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 \_\_\_\_\_**

*“ . . . do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27-28*

**3. Repeating the process \_\_\_\_\_**

*“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 \_\_\_\_\_**

*“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*

*“You were dead because of your sins . . . then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. He cancelled 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)*

*“ . . . by submitting to baptism. Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as He did Christ.” Colossians 2:12(Message)*