

Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:32

1. Forgiveness is a _____ we make. Colossians 3:13
Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another: even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
 - A. We forgive by _____. Hebrews 11:1 *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*
 - B. We must _____ God to do the work in us. “Proverbs 3:5-6 *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding...”*
2. Forgiveness brings a _____ of heart. Philippians 1:6
“being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”
3. We are the ones who suffer most when we _____ not to forgive. Mark 11:26 *“But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you...”*
4. Forgiveness is _____ when we experience the freedom that comes from it. Matthew 6:14 *“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”*
5. Forgiveness is not just a one-time _____. Matthew 18:21-22 *Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”*

6. We are _____ to forgive. Matthew 5:43-48 "...But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven..."

7. Forgiveness gives us a _____ heart. Ephesians 4:32 *"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."*