



FORGIVENESS

1. **Forgiveness is conditional from God's side**

- Forgive and get forgiven – Mt 6:12, Lk 6:37
- Don't forgive and don't get forgiven – Mt 6:14-15

2. **Forgiveness is not**

- Repenting to please man – Mk 7:6
- Denying forgiveness – 1 Jhn 2:9
- I will forgive only if God gets hold of them – Lk 17:3-5

3. **Why forgive?**

- Unforgiveness give the devil a foothold in our lives – Eph 4:26-27
- To get forgiven – Mt 18:35

4. **How do I forgive?**

- Forgiveness is a decision not a feeling
- When we are hurt our emotions drive us
- You can work through the emotion but you must decide to forgive – Eph 4:26
- Focus on the promise that all things WILL work out for the good - Rom 8:28
- Realise that hurt people hurt people
- Satan uses people to stop you getting from God and reaching all that God has for you
- We do not fight people but the demonic spirit behind it – Eph 6:12

5. **How should we act?**

- Be ready to forgive – Col 3:12-13
- Be ready to bless – 1 Pt 3:9
- Forgive as you have been forgiven – Eph 4:31-32
- Do not allow a root of bitterness – Heb 12:15
- Be willing to act in the opposite spirit – Rom 12:20-21

6. Summary

Live a lifestyle of forgiveness