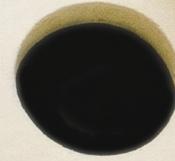


When Forgiveness Doesn't Make Sense

Forgiving Sorry People Who Aren't Sorry

MARK 11:25-26



Introduction: One of the greatest myths about forgiveness is that we can only forgive those who are sincerely repentant of their offense against us. Today we will discover why and how to forgive those who refuse to say, "I'm sorry."

- I. The Case Against Unconditional Forgiveness
 - A. "Forgiveness Needs To Be **Earned.**"
 - B. "Forgiving An Unrepentant Person Invites Further **Abuse.**"

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C. "Forgiving An Unrepentant Person Is **Unbiblical.**"

Acts 2:38 "And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

Luke 17:3-4 "³Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

II. The Case For Unconditional Forgiveness

A. Unconditional Forgiveness Is **Biblical.**

Matthew 18:35 "So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

Mark 11:25-26 "²⁵And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions. ²⁶But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."

Matthew 5:23-24 "²³If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering."

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Definition of a Clear Conscience: **"Knowing that there is no one who can accuse you of a wrong you have not attempted to make right."**

1 Timothy 1:19 "Keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith."

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B. Unconditional Forgiveness Is **Practical**.

C. Unconditional Forgiveness Is **Beneficial**.

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Conclusion