



FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

Ephesians 4:25-28; 31, 32

²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold.

²⁸He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

WARNING: Unforgiveness is hazardous to your health.

1. It moves us out of the flow of God's forgiveness.
Matt. 16:14,15
2. It gives the Devil a place in our lives. Eph. 4:26,27
3. It promotes the growth of yucky stuff. Eph. 4:31,32

Forgiveness in the New Testament

1. To hurl away. Mark 11:25
2. To cancel a debt. Luke 6:37
3. To give an unearned gift. Eph. 4:32

For Christians, forgiveness:

Is always elective surgery - It's God who does the healing.

Is trusting God with the justice issues.

Doesn't assume reconciliation.

Doesn't equal forgetting.

Lord, because you have forgiven me, I choose to forgive: