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Willingness to forgive enhances Kingdom character in our lives.

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

JOHN 15:12-13 (KJ)

Forgiveness - 2. Please read [Forgiveness – 1](#), December 6, 2008. It is true that our Lord Jesus Christ came to save the sinful man. It is also true that He laid down His own life for this cause. It is pertinent to know that the centre of our Lord's message is forgiveness.

LESSONS OF THE CROSS:

1. God does not rejoice in the death of any sinner. Hence, while we were yet sinners, Jesus died for the ungodly. **“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”** 1 Timothy 2:4 (KJ); **“But God commendeth (exhibits, extends, introduces) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”** Romans 5:8 (KJ)
2. We ought to walk in love. **“By this shall all men (humanity) know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”** John 13:35 (KJ)

3. His salvation came to us through His forgiveness which caused Him to die for our sin. **“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.”** Romans 5:9-11 (NIV)
4. Divine exchange came by His forgiving Spirit. We were wrong, He was right but, He took our wrong and condemnation to give us His righteousness and justification. **“But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification.”** Romans 4:24-25; **“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”** John 15:13. This is the epitome of His love for us.
5. We ought to love and readily forgive one another. **“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”** 1 John 3:16.

Willingness to forgive enhances Kingdom character in our lives. It enables us to pray with compassion even for our enemy instead of cursing them as many Christians do these days. The power of forgiveness manifests love in our lives; God is love.

Forgiveness enables us to see our own imperfection and need for God to continue to have mercy on us.

Finally, the power of forgiveness will prevent us from retaliating when we are offended. God says, vengeance is mine. **“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord.** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so

doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:17-21. Note v. 19

David was willing to forgive his own son Absalom for all he did to kill his father after seizing his throne. David also refused to kill Saul, his arch enemy despite the fact that he had opportunity to do so twice. He refused to touch an anointed servant of God.

Therefore, willingness to forgive shields us from the woe of causing offence. And, we will be able to live in peace with all men. Forgiveness is the foundation of our ability to keep lasting relationship. To lead people for long, you must be willing to forgive their misdeeds. And be ready to love them just as they are. By that, you will make positive impact in their lives. Intolerance is silent unforgiveness but, love is patient with people. You don't claim your own right to live a forgiving life. Are you willing to forgive despite the fact that you are badly treated, misunderstood or cheated? Forgiveness is a seed you have to sow to please God and to make a positive change in a relationship. Let go and let God have His way.

Pray: “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:7 (NIV) Amen.

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