

## **"How to Repair Relationships through Forgiveness"**

We all have seen small disagreements destroy families and even churches. The Lord Jesus gives His Children clear instruction on how to repair relationships.

### **People Insights:**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ offend people.
2. People do not \_\_\_\_\_ offenses, even Christians. **Prov. 18:19**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ will go out of their way to help you.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ will go out their way to hurt you.
5. Asking for forgiveness is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Matthew 5:23-24 Command:**

- A. If you are conducting a spiritual service (\_\_\_\_\_),
- B. And the \_\_\_\_\_ brings to your attention,
- C. That you have \_\_\_\_\_ someone, (even unintentionally)  
(there is a \_\_\_\_\_ between you and them)
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ what you're doing, (act quickly)
  - don't \_\_\_\_\_ this, but obey the Lord.
  - the longer you wait, the more you tend to \_\_\_\_\_ the magnitude of your actions.... While the one you offended will increase the magnitude of your offense. (making forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_)
- E. Go find them and \_\_\_\_\_ (reconcile).
- F. Then \_\_\_\_\_ and do what you were doing before,
- G. Because the Father:
  - values \_\_\_\_\_,
  - and wants to stop the devil's work of \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 10:10, Eph. 4:26-27**

### **Steps:**

1. Make the \_\_\_\_\_ to see them in person and \_\_\_\_\_ others.
  - no \_\_\_\_\_ or letters (only make it worse)
  - do it by phone only if they are at a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Be as \_\_\_\_\_ and clear as possible. (DANGER in talking too much.)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ your wording. **Luke 15:18-19**
4. Sit down and say:  
**"There seems to be a \_\_\_\_\_ between us.  
My guess is that I have \_\_\_\_\_ something to hurt you.  
Have I?"  
Could you please tell me \_\_\_\_\_ I have done?"**
5. Let \_\_\_\_\_, as long as they choose, saying anything they choose.

6. They **will not** forgive you if:
- you make \_\_\_\_\_.
  - if you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.
  - if you \_\_\_\_\_ their hurt.
  - if you \_\_\_\_\_ them, even for part of it.  
(take \_\_\_\_\_% off the blame)
7. After they have finished talking, without any \_\_\_\_\_ from you, SAY: (REMEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_)

**"You have no reason to forgive me for what I've done. I am sorry for putting you through this. If you could find it in your heart, would you please forgive me for ..... ? ("hurting" you)**

**I would be so grateful if you would. Would you forgive me?"**

8. Remain absolutely \_\_\_\_\_. Let them come to a decision.
9. They may not be able to forgive \_\_\_\_\_. Be prepared for abuse.

**Questions:**

What if I feel I didn't do anything wrong? **Luke 17:2**

What if they won't forgive me?

- They may need \_\_\_\_\_ to process.
- They may be \_\_\_\_\_ to respond
- They may be unwilling to give up the \_\_\_\_\_ they have toward you.
- Even if they don't forgive you, you've done the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, **Rom. 12:18**  
and God will \_\_\_\_\_ you for it. **1 Peter 5:6**