

**THE FOUR LAWS OF FORGIVENESS  
LAW OF RECEIVING AND GIVING**

Do you want to stay angry, hate-filled and bitter  
or do you want to forgive?

Forgiveness is setting a prisoner free and then  
realizing the prisoner was you

**THE LAW OF RECEIVING AND GIVING**

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If I have received forgiveness  
I am to give forgiveness

*Be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another JUST AS GOD through Christ has forgiven you. **Ephesians 4:32***

*Remember the Lord forgave you, so you MUST forgive others. **Colossians 3:13***

*... and forgive us our sins AS WE HAVE FORGIVEN those who sin against us. **Matthew 6:12***

My awareness of all God has done for me,  
makes me a better forgiver

*The person who has been forgiven little shows little love. **Luke 7:47***

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*Jesus said, 'Not seven times but seventy times seven.' **Matthew 18:22***

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- The Offended's Part -  
You may need to rebuke or even walk away  
for a season from the offender

*Jesus said, 'If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them. **Luke 17:3***

*... you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship. 1 Corinthians 5:2*

- The Offender's Part -  
Apologize

- The Offended's Part -  
Create an environment for a fresh start

### **FORGIVENESS IS AN ATTRIBUTE OF THE STRONG**

- The Offender's Part -  
Change their behavior and re-earn trust

*Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, 'I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes I will give them back four times as much. Luke 19:8*

*Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. Matthew 3:8*

*If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. Luke 17:3*

- The Offended's Part -  
It's okay to rebuke and even walk away for a season

- The Offender's Part -  
Sincere, humble, sorrowful apology

- The Offended's Part -  
Create an opportunity for a fresh start

- The Offender's Part -  
Turn (Repent) and do the hard work to re-earn trust

Forgiveness has happened when you think of the person and it no longer takes you down a road, no longer takes hold of your emotions, no longer are you taken back to that place of pain and injury. You don't go back to the past and you don't drag the other person back to the past.

You know you have forgiven when the sight of that person, the thought of that person is met with your desire to see them blessed and you are able to pray good for them.

**WHO DO YOU NEED TO FORGIVE?**