

When You Don't Want To Forgive

The Lord tells us to love one another, to be compassionate, to give - and to forgive. This is easy to do when it's easy, but it's hard to do when it's hard. There is more to gain by forgiving than you may realize...



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"Wisdom is a tree of life to those who take hold of her."

Proverbs 3:18



In All Things, Glorify God Through Jesus Christ





The Authority & Power Behind Words

As far back as I can remember, I have always enjoyed writing inspirational prose and poetry. However, I only wrote as a hobby and an outlet. But late one night in the fall of 2001, everything about my writing changed after I heard the audible voice of God call out my name...

Shortly thereafter, I began to receive inspired poems and messages that ministered to me on subjects pertaining to life, love and loss. These messages came when I least expected them causing me to keep a notepad and pencil with me at all times. As some would record their thoughts in a diary, I kept a journal and filled it with these poems and messages.

For years my husband urged me to share my work with others as a ministry. However, at the time, I disagreed for I felt that would be too invasive. My writings were deeply personal as they spoke of my life, my loves and my loss. Yet, as the Lord would have it, that decision changed after seeing one of my poems minister to a someone other than myself.

Over the years, the Lord has taught me to better understand and appreciate the authority and power that stands behind our words. It is written: *"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and It shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."* Isaiah 55:11

When God inspires us to speak, either audibly or in written form, we are sending forth His word which shall not return to Him void, but it shall accomplish what He pleases, and It shall prosper in the thing for which He sent it.

May the inspired messages within this book be a blessing to all who read them.



"The very words I have spoken to you are Spirit and Life."

John 6:63





The Power Of Inspiration

When God reveals His sovereign majesty and power, He inspires His people...
When we reveal God through our life-changing testimonies, we inspire the world...

Inspiration is what happens when we are moved to believe in extraordinary possibilities that ordinarily seem impossible. Inspiration feeds our faith and restores the hope that keeps us pushing past obstacles and enables us to move forward. When we inspire others, we lift people up above their natural circumstances and they are moved to take action. It is in that place of action that God meets us. It is there that we see the wondrous and the miraculous take place...

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13





When You Don't Want To Forgive

The Lord tells us to love one another, be kind, compassionate - and to forgive. This is easy to do when it's easy and it's most definitely hard to do when it's hard.

When we are hurt by others, it is common for us to struggle with forgiveness. However, Believers are called by God to be uncommon. Through the Holy Spirit who lives within us, we are equipped to do supernaturally what we cannot do in the natural.

Jesus sacrificed Himself to redeem us of our sins. Because of this, we are entitled to God's grace and mercy. And today, even when we think, say or do things that are an offense to Him, God still loves us, has mercy on us and forgives us.

Believers are the only physical representation of Christ here on Earth. We are the Light God has sent into this dark world. There are many who will never see this Light except we *allow* it (for Holy Spirit will not force us) to be shown through us.

Furthermore, the Lord warns us that if we refrain from allowing the goodness of God to come through us by forgiving others, the Lord will refrain from forgiving us. There are no exceptions to this rule. This is no small matter. We release the

transgressions of others through forgiveness. To hold onto transgressions of others is sin - and the penalty of sin is eternal death.

The Lord pardons us from the penalty of death knowing we are deserving of it based on the many offenses we have committed. Is it not fitting that we be willing to likewise pardon others? When we look at the sacrifice Christ made for us, the act of forgiving another is a meager sacrifice that we should be more than willing to make. *"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."* John 15:12-13

The Lord tells us to love our enemies - regardless of what they have done. The greater the offense, the greater the grace of Christ is working through us. Through the help of the Holy Spirit, we have been given the power to extinguish the consuming fire of bitterness, rage, anger, insult and spite that, if we allow, will burn within us.

To forgive so that we will be forgiven is reason enough for our obedience but for us who desire that the Lord do an even greater work through us, we can also choose to forgive to remove the opportunity Satan has to gain a foothold - not just in our lives - but in the lives of those who have hurt us. Not only does Satan gain access to us through sinful, destructive thoughts, words and deeds that spring from the root of bitterness and anger, he also gains access to those who have hurt us through sinful, destructive thoughts, words and deeds that spring out of guilt and shame.

Through a higher form of love and with supernatural acts of forgiveness, not only are we releasing ourselves from the enemy, we are releasing the enemy's hold on others. May we allow Jesus, who is the Light of the world, to shine through us and forgive, in Jesus' name.

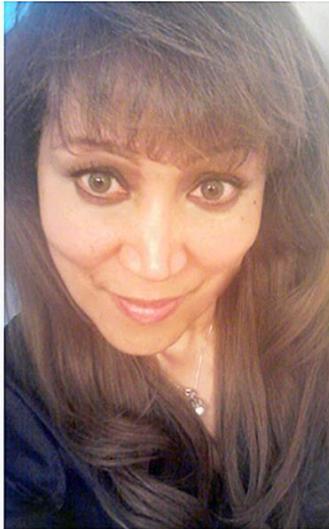


"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."

Colossians 3:12-13



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