



Colossians 4:9

The Power of Forgiving

Colossians 4:9 I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here. NLT

Philemon 1:8 That is why I am boldly asking a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do. 9 But because of our love, I prefer simply to ask you. Consider this as a request from me—Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus. 10 I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison. 11 Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. 12 I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart. 13 I wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News, and he would have helped me on your behalf. 14 But I didn't want to do anything without your consent. I wanted you to help because you were willing, not because you were forced. 15 It seems you lost Onesimus for a little while so that you could have him back forever. 16 He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, PAUL, WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL REPAY IT. AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL! 20 Yes, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake. Give me this encouragement in Christ. NLT

1. The act of forgiving is so _____ to our natural man self, that it reveals to others that you have Christ in you.
 2. This will never come naturally. It can only come _____.
 3. The command to forgive is so important that God had Paul write this letter about it and it became a book in the Bible. _____.
 4. The command to forgive is the one admonition in the Lord's Prayer, that is _____ that Jesus immediately reiterates so that we don't miss it
 5. Forgiving another person is not to let them off the hook. Forgiving someone who has done something to you is to:
 - a. _____ and _____ the Lord,
 - b. Let you off the hook of _____ and _____.
 6. Forgiving is not for the other person, it's for you. "Forgiving another person is letting the captive free, only to realize the captive was _____!"
 7. Perhaps the greatest form of forgiveness is to forgive someone who _____ forgiveness.
- Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. NLT
8. Choosing not to forgive damages your heart and your _____ for Christ. It is a choice.