

OFFERING FORGIVENESS
Building My Life On Values That Last - Part 7

WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE?

1. BECAUSE _____

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

2. BECAUSE _____

Job 5:2 (GN) "To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do."

Ecclesiastes 7:9 "It's foolish to hold a grudge."

Job 18:4 (GN) "You are only hurting yourself with your anger!"

Job 21:23-25 (GN) "Some men stay healthy until the day they die... others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts."

3. BECAUSE _____

Matthew 6:15 (NIV) "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

HOW SHOULD I FORGIVE?

1. RECOGNIZE _____

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NLT) "There is not a single person in all the earth who is always good and never sins."

2. RELINQUISH _____

Romans 12:19 (LB) "... Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it."

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT) "Peter asked, 'Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?' 'No,' Jesus replied, 'seventy times seven!'"

3. RESPOND _____

Luke 6:27-28 (NIV) "... do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you."

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV) "Love keeps no record of wrongs."

4. REFOCUS _____

Job 11:13-16 (LB) "Put your heart right, reach out to God... then face the world again, firm and courageous. Then all your troubles will fade from your memory, like floods that are past and remembered no more."