

The Peacemaker

A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict

Lesson #13 “Overcoming Unforgiveness”

Read Chapter Ten and answer the following questions from pages 213-224.

Colossians 3:13 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.

- 1) What has God given to us to enable us to forgive others?
- 2) What are the six steps to overcoming unforgiveness?
- 3) Why do we withhold forgiveness?
- 4) How are we to grant forgiveness?
- 5) What are some of the ways we can short circuit the forgiveness process?
- 6) What can help us to move toward forgiveness?

7) What should our motive be in forgiving others?

8) What is the meaning of reconciliation?

9) What is the goal of reconciliation?

10) What do we have to do to avoid any relationship from deteriorating?

11) What three levels are we to pursue in the reconciliation process?

12) What is meant by the “replacement principle?”

Quote: “Forgiveness is based on repentance, not on guarantees. Therefore, once someone has expressed repentance for an action, we have no right to let our fears of the future delay forgiveness today.”

Quote: “We take God’s forgiveness for granted, while we stubbornly withhold our forgiveness from others. In effect, we behave as though other’s sins against us are more serious than our sins against God.”