



Freedom through Forgiveness

GOD'S INGREDIENTS FOR GROWTH #12 NOAH LARGENT 9/1/13

Forgiveness
Humility
Authenticity
Community
Service
Grace
His Word
**God's
Ingredients
For Growth**

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you. -Colossians 3:13

3 Reasons to Forgive Others

1. Because I'll need to be forgiven soon.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Psalms 51:3 For I know my transgressions, & my sin is always before me.

Matthew 6:12 Forgive us our debts...

2. Resentment & bitterness are poisonous to my soul.

Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger...

Remember: Resentment doesn't fix the problem or the pain.

Resentment makes you say and do foolish things.

Bitterness never hurts the other person... only you.

3. Because God has for FORGIVEN me.

Ephesians 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God

Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Matthew 6:12&14,15 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." -C.S. Lewis, *Essay On Forgiveness in The Weight of Glory*



Keys to Forgiving Others: Embracing God's Forgiveness in my own life!

1. Sin is a much bigger problem than I tend to believe.
2. Giving thanks for God's goodness & grace .
3. Enjoying the new life God has given me!

- ▶ Justified (legal term) -Rom. 3:24
- ▶ Redeemed (renew ownership) -Col. 1:14
- ▶ Reconciled (restored relationship) -Col. 1:20
- ▶ Victory/Destroyed death -2Tim. 1:10
- ▶ Full one-time payment -Heb. 10:12
- ▶ Cleansed -1John 1:7
- ▶ A burden removed -Psalm 32
- ▶ Restored to family -2Sam. 14:1

Forgiveness- It's available to EVERYONE!

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Forgiving is like breathing - we take it in and let it out. To omit either, kills us.

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