

**CHRISTIAN CONDUCT**  
**Pt. 2 - Forgiveness**  
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**Hebrews 12:14-15 (NIV)**

<sup>[14]</sup> Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

<sup>[15]</sup> See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

- **Luke 7:36-50 Those who love much, forgive much**  
How much you love Jesus will be seen by your forgiveness.

**Matthew 5:20 (NIV)**

<sup>[20]</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**1. JESUS SAID, NEVER DO EVIL BACK**

**Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)**

<sup>[27]</sup> "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you..."

<sup>[28]</sup> "...bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

**Romans 12:17-19 (NIV)**

<sup>[17]</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

<sup>[18]</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

<sup>[19]</sup> Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

**1 Peter 3:9 (NIV)**

<sup>[9]</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

**2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NIV)**

<sup>[10]</sup> If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven--if there was anything to forgive--I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake...

<sup>[11]</sup> ...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

## **2. FORGIVENESS IS THE LOVE OF JESUS IN ACTION**

### **1. Do not keep a record of wrongs suffered**

#### **1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)**

<sup>[5]</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

### **2. Do not gossip about a person's sins to others**

#### **Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)**

<sup>[29]</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

### **3. Do not dwell on the offense yourself**

#### **Philippians 4:8 (NIV)**

<sup>[8]</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

## **3. THE POISON THAT KILLS**

#### **Matthew 7:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>[1]</sup> "Do not judge, or you too will be judged."

<sup>[2]</sup> "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

#### **Proverbs 24:17-18 (NIV)**

<sup>[17]</sup> Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not let your heart rejoice...

<sup>[18]</sup> ...or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from him.

#### **Mark 11:25 (NIV)**

<sup>[25]</sup> And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

#### **1 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV)**

<sup>[8]</sup> Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

<sup>[9]</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

**Psalm 34:12-16 (NIV)**

<sup>[12]</sup> Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days...

<sup>[13]</sup> ...keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

<sup>[14]</sup> Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>[15]</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry...

<sup>[16]</sup> ...the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.