

# YESTERDAY IS HISTORY! TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY! TODAY IS A GIFT!

## That Is Why It Is Called The "Present!"

Ephesians 4:26-32, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

### 1. The Definition Of Unforgiveness

Forgiveness is the willingness to give up your resentment toward someone who has wronged you, regardless of how serious or painful that wrong might have been.

#### Three Elements To Forgiveness:

- to give up resentment about the wrong;
- to give up resentment toward the wrongdoer;
- to give up plans for retaliation.

Ephesians 4:31, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:"

### 2. The Description Of Unforgiveness

Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Bitterness takes root in the heart and spreads its poison to choke out every godly trait there. Unforgiveness is a deliberate decision and a self-inflicted pain.

### 3. The Disobedience Of Unforgiveness

Matthew 6:15, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Matthew 18:21-22, "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."

### 4. The Destruction Of Unforgiveness

What are the consequences of an unforgiving spirit?

- affects our prayer life
- affects our worship
- affects our witnessing
- affects our overall spiritual growth
- affects every other aspect of life

## 5. Dealing With Unforgiveness

Acknowledge unforgiveness as a sin and confess it honestly to God.

Lay our anger down so we then we can ask God's forgiveness.

Go to the person and ask their forgiveness.

## 6. Demonstrating Forgiveness

How can you know you have truly forgiven someone?

Your feelings toward the other person have changed.

You feel concern for the other person.