









Offering Forgiveness Parts 1-3

I. WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE?

1. BECAUSE ______

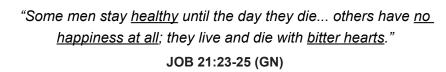
"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIV)

2. BECAUSE ______

"To worry yourself to death with <u>resentment</u> would be a <u>foolish</u>, <u>senseless</u> thing to do." JOB 5:2 (GN)

"You are <u>only hurting yourself</u> with your anger!" JOB 18:4 (GN)





3. BECAUSE ______

"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." MATTHEW 6:15 (NIV)

FORGIVING IS NOT ...

... minimizing the seriousness of the offense ... instant restoration of trust ... resuming the relationship without any changes

II. HOW SHOULD I FORGIVE?

1. RECOGNIZE _____

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

2. RELINQUISH ______

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













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

3. RESPOND ______

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

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

4. REFOCUS

"Put your heat right, r<u>each out to God</u>... then f<u>ace the world again</u>, firm and courageous. Then all your troubles will <u>fade from your</u> <u>memory</u>, like floods that are past and remembered no more." JOB 11:13-16 (LB)

