

Extending Forgiveness

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PURPOSE for Diagram 200-A:

To illustrate the process of achieving oneness in a relationship.



1. Study John 17:21-23.



2. What was Jesus praying for? _____



3. Are you experiencing a separation in a relationship now? _____



4. Since God desires oneness, what area of godship (see Diagram 100-A) is keeping you from moving past this separation? _____



5. Do you withdraw from people to avoid conflict? _____

... that they may be one.

John 17:22



6. Can you see that this withdrawal is another form of separation?



7. Repentance is the first step back toward oneness. Can you admit to God your part in this conflict and separation? _____

*Conflict is inevitable . . . the way
to oneness is through it!*


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PURPOSE for Diagram 200-B:


To illustrate the effects of unresolved conflicts.


 1. Who has hurt you? _____

 2. Which of these emotions are you experiencing: anger, bitterness, resentment, desire to seek revenge, or a lack of trust? _____

 3. Study Hebrews 12:15.

... root of bitterness ... Heb. 12:15

 4. Is there a root of bitterness toward anyone in a present or past relationship? _____

 5. Are you ready to tear up that root? _____

Time does not heal any wounds!

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PURPOSE for Diagram 200-C:

*To illustrate the effects of unresolved conflict
when time is allowed to pass without forgiveness.*

- ? 1. Which of the four explosions best describe your relationship with the person who has hurt you?

A B C D

*Because of your
hardness of heart . . .*

Mark 10:5

-  2. Study Ephesians 4:32.

- ? 3. What is commanded in these verses? _____

- ? 4. What is keeping you from obeying God's command? _____

-  5. Study Proverbs 16:18.

- ? 6. Could it be your own pride or self-protection? _____

- ? 7. Do those who have hurt you deserve your forgiveness? _____

-  8. Study Colossians 1:13-14.

- ? 9. Has God forgiven you? Did you deserve it? _____

*No forgiveness, know loneliness.
Know forgiveness, no loneliness.*

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PURPOSE for Diagram **200-E**:

To describe how an offended person acts like a judge.

? 1. Where do you see yourself in this diagram? _____

 2. Study James 4:12.

? 3. What is God's message to you? _____

 4. Study Psalm 9:7-8 and Acts 17:31.

? 5. Who is the only One who is qualified to be The Judge? _____

*... who are you to
judge your neighbor.*

James 4:12

? 6. Can you see how you have tried to play god by judging this person? _____

No one made me the judge.



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PURPOSE for Diagram 200-E1:


To illustrate the result of judging someone "guilty."

-  1. Study Ephesians 4:31-32.
-  2. Which of the jail cell bars apply to you? _____

-  3. Study Ephesians 4:26-27.
-  4. When do you need to extend forgiveness?

Have you done it yet? _____
-  5. What happens if you don't do it?

-  6. Study 1 Peter 5:8-9.
-  7. What does Satan want to do to you? _____

-  8. Do you want to get out of jail? _____

*... do not let the
sun go down on
your anger ...*

Eph. 4:26

The unjust judge goes to jail.

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PURPOSE for Diagram **200-E2**:

To give specific steps (keys) to freedom gained only through forgiveness.

1. Write down exactly how the offender has offended you.

? 2. What are your feelings regarding that offense? _____

? 3. What are the ramifications (effects) of that offense? _____

? 4. What were your sinful reactions to the offense? _____

Now free yourself from the prison of this offense by applying the keys of forgiveness!

✓ 5. Check off each key as you finish it.

#1

#2

#3

#4

#5

#6

#7

... do not judge ...

... do not condemn ...

... pardon ...

Luke 6:37

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Freedom to love and live again!

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PURPOSE for Diagrams **200-F**:

To illustrate the effects of forgiveness.



1. Study Matthew 18:21-22.



2. What principle regarding forgiveness do you see in these passages?

*... I will remember
their sins no more.*

Heb. 8:12



3. If this person offends you again will you forgive them? _____

Forgiveness is a lifestyle.







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PURPOSE for Diagrams **200-G**:

To verify that forgiveness has happened by the use of six tests.

-  1. Study Matthew 6:12.
-  2. Go through the tests of forgiveness.
-  3. Did you pass the test? _____
-  4. Have you forgiven all the ramifications? _____
-  5. Study Romans 8:1.
-  6. How does God see you since you became a Christian? _____

-  7. How do you see the person who offended you? _____

-  8. How would God want you to love this person now? _____

*Mercy triumphs
over judgment.*

James 2:13

*Forgiving is not holding
another guilty.*

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