



Examining the One Another Passages

**Q1 2020 Adult Class
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The One Another Passages



Review from Last Week: Bearing with One Another

1. What does it mean to “bear with one another in love”?
2. What are some necessary attributes when we are “bearing with” a troublesome brother or sister?
3. What are some other practical aspects of this difficult one another command?

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Introduction and Basics

Col 3:13

13 bearing with one another, and *forgiving one another*, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. NKJV

What is the reason given by Paul to forgive others? Is it “natural” to forgive someone who has wronged us?

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Matt 6:12

2 And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
NKJV

How is forgiveness the same as a cancelled debt?

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Matt 18:23-34

23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

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2 Cor 5:18-19

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, *not imputing their trespasses to them*, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
NKJV

What is the end result of forgiveness?

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1 John 1:9-10

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. NKJV

Luke 17:1-4

17 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. 3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him." NKJV

What clear obligation do we have when a brother repents from sin? What if he refuses to repent?

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Practical Aspects to Forgiving One Another

1. We must forgive to be forgiven.

Luke 6:37

37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. *Forgive, and you will be forgiven.* NKJV

Mark 11:25-26

25 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 *But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.*" NKJV

What again is necessary for us to be forgiven by God?

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2. Forgiveness must flow from a proper attitude and a desire to be like Christ.

Eph 4:31-32

31 Let all **bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking** be put away from you, with all **malice**. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, *forgiving one another*, even as God in Christ forgave you.

NKJV

What do each of the highlighted terms mean that we are to put away? How are they related to forgiving one another?

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Practical Aspects to Forgiving One Another

3. Forgiveness is not limited by the extent or frequency of the sin.

Matt 18:21-22

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. NKJV

So this teaches us the limit on our forgiveness is the 491st offense? Right?

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4. We need to confront the sinner with their sin and we can express our hurt.

Heb 12:15

15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; NKJV

How can our being hurt by the actions of others “cause trouble and by this many become defiled”?

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5. Forgiveness demands a commitment to release the offender.

Matt 18:35

35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

NKJV

What does forgiving from “the heart” look like?

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Questions for Thought and Discussion:

1. Forgiveness is perhaps one of the most difficult of the “one another” commands to live daily. Read Matthew 18:21-22 and Luke 11:4 and address the following questions:
 - a. How many times are we to forgive a brother who has offended us? Should we keep count?
 - b. Have you ever been involved in a relationship in which someone continually offended you? How did you react? How should you have reacted?
 - c. What are some practical and biblical methods to apply forgiveness in our homes?