



# Why Must I Forgive Again?

The Bible is full of principles. If you want healing, restoration, deliverance and breakthrough, there are principles that need to be applied. You may not realize it, but to forgive is a principle that affects every area of your life! When applied, this principle can save you from much trouble and heartache. How?

It will affect your relationship with your Heavenly Father if you do not walk in forgiveness – Mark 11:25 *“forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”* We forget that we need forgiveness too! Judge and you will be judged. Forgive

and you will be forgiven. Forgiving is crucial in your walk with God.

Unforgiveness affects our relationships with others – Prov 17:9 *“Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.”* How many times have you shared an offense with someone and it became their



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Offense as well? Holding on to grudges causes division and separation. How many families are not torn apart today because of offense? Want your family restored? Forgive!

Not forgiving opens a door to satan in your life – Eph 4:26-27 *“In your anger do not sin; do not let the sun go down while you are still*

*Angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.”* We give the enemy access to steal, kill and destroy in our lives when we hold on to offense.

You may think that one little offense is not a big deal. But what you don't see is your heart. If something happens once, sure, you can let it go, but when it

happens again and again, it starts to form a deep rooted offense that becomes bitterness.

Months, years down the line your life is falling apart, all because you didn't take care of offenses early enough. Jeremiah 17:9 *“the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”*



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Bitterness is a very dangerous thing in the heart. Hebrews 12:15 *"see to it that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled."* Many people have gone astray, because they allowed bitterness to take root and consume them.

In simple terms, you are in bondage.

You think it doesn't affect your finances or experiencing success? Think again – Job 21:25 *"whereas another dies with a bitter soul, never even tasting pleasure or good fortune."* In actual fact, the Bible says in Psalm 37:8 that if not dealt with, it only leads to more evil, more trouble!

It makes you wonder: how

much of what I'm facing is because I'm harbouring unforgiveness in my heart?

When we don't forgive, we become isolated, unteachable, can't take correction, not even from God. We walk around with pride and hardened hearts. People don't want to be around you because you're bitter and angry.



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How can God use me if I have so many ungodly things residing in my heart? How can God use me to bring healing, deliverance to His people if bitterness is the idol of my heart?

What is an idol? An idol is anything you put above God in your life. If you are holding grudges, you are not letting God be King of your heart.

Now that all of this has been said, we can answer this question: Why Must I Forgive Again? Because your life depends on it! Your relationship with God, with others, your successes and even your health and wellbeing depends on it.

The Holy Spirit is the Only One who can reveal our hearts to us. He is

The Only One who can show if there's bitterness. Let's pray together and ask the Holy Spirit to show us:

Holy Spirit, show me my heart. Show me where there's anger, unforgiveness or bitterness! Help me to overcome, in Jesus Name. Amen

