

# THE 11<sup>TH</sup> COMMANDMENT

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

John 13:34-35

*"A new commandment I give you; Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."*

How do we "Love One Another"?

**FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER**

Ephesians 4:29-5:1

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God has forgiven you."*

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*"To err is human, to forgive is divine"*

Alexander Pope

### THREE THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU FORGIVE

1. When you forgive, you are set free **FROM ANGER**  
*"See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitterness grows up to cause trouble and defile many."* Hebrews 12:15  
  
Remember...
  - \* Forgiveness is not about the **OFFENDER**
  - \* Forgiveness is not about who is **RIGHT OR WRONG**
  - \* Forgiveness IS about you being **SET FREE**
2. When you forgive, relationships can **BE HEALED**  
  
Remember, forgiveness gives you the chance to...
  - \* **START OVER**
  - \* **MOVE ON**
  - \* **RESTORE BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS**
3. When you forgive, you offer **GRACE** to the offender  
*"Amazing \_\_\_\_\_ how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me..."*

## WAYS TO PRACTICE FORGIVENESS

1. You acknowledge that forgiveness is a **CHOICE**  
*"Put out of your life all these things: bad feelings about people, anger, temper, bad talk, talk which hurts other people and bad feelings which hurt other people."* Ephesians 4:31 (NLT)

### REALITY CHECK ON FORGIVENESS

- \* You seldom **FEEL LIKE** forgiving
- \* Forgiveness is **HARD WORK** with big payoffs

2. You remember forgiveness is a **DEBT YOU OWE**  
*"...forgive as the Lord forgave you."* Colossians 3:13

### REALITY CHECK ON FORGIVENESS

- \* You did not get **WHAT YOU DESERVED**
- \* When you forgive, you are the one **SET FREE**
- \* When you are forgiven much, you **CAN FORGIVE MUCH**
- \* Matthew 18:21-35

3. You forgive whether they **ASK OR NOT**  
*"Jesus said 'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.'"* Luke 23:34

### REALITY CHECK ON FORGIVENESS

- \* When you hold a grudge you are **HURT TWICE**
- \* Don't look for the word **APOLOGY** in the Bible...look for the word **FORGIVE**

"Forgiveness cannot change your past,  
but it can change your future!"

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