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How To Be An Overcomer Series: Part 7 Learning to Forgive

Forgiving others is one of the most important aspects of the Christian life. But sometimes it can be difficult to forgive. Yet, un-forgiveness is a danger to ourselves. Today we will learn why we should forgive and how to forgive. Thus we will know how to overcome un-forgiveness.

1. Why we **SHOULD** forgive others.

- a. So Satan cannot take advantage of us.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, 11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

- b. To avoid bitterness and becoming defiled.

Hebrews 12:14-15 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 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;

2. Four simple steps to **LEARN** to forgive.

- a. Matthew 5:44 - *44 But I say to you, **love** your enemies, **bless** those who curse you, **do good** to those who hate you, and **pray** for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,*

Love

Bless

Do good

Pray

Conclusion: We see why it is important to forgive others and how we can forgive. Respond according to the words of Jesus and you can learn to forgive and overcome un-forgiveness.

Discussion questions.

1. What can happen when we do not forgive others?
2. What four things did Jesus say we should do to forgive others?
3. How can you apply this lesson to your life?