

Practical Lessons on Forgiveness & Restoration Philemon 1-25

Key thought:

A genuine disciple of Jesus Christ will embrace the call to genuinely forgive.

Genuine forgiveness is grounded in the gospel

Philemon 6

Colossians 3:13

Key practical question: What if forgiveness is never sought?

Genuine forgiveness is an expression of brotherly love

Philemon 7, 15-16

Key practical question: What if the offender is not my brother?

Genuine forgiveness will go beyond words to receptive actions

Philemon 12, 15, 17

Key practical question: What if loving actions are not received?

Genuine forgiveness allows for the potential of change

Philemon 11 14-16

Key question: What if change doesn't happen?

So What?

Do you appreciate God's forgiveness of you?

Are you committed to lovingly forgive?

General suggestions in helping with conflict resolution:

Don't ignore the positive/praiseworthy

⁵*hearing of your love and faith...*

¹¹*who...now is profitable to you and to me*

Ground all advice in gospel love and truths (not feelings)

⁶*...every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus*

Show genuine empathy in the situation

¹⁰*...my son Onesimus*

Be willing to forfeit personal resources and comforts in the process

¹⁸*...put that on my account*