

Offended

Luke 17:1-5 (NKJV) Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come...

Matthew 24:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV) ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Forgiveness

1. Receive _____.

1 Timothy 1:13-15 (NIV) ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

You'll never have to forgive anybody more than God has _____
forgiven _____.

2. _____ what you have received.

Matthew 10:8 (NIV) ...Freely you have received; freely give.

The _____ forgive.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NLT) ¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

3. Forgive how _____ would _____ to be forgiven.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV) ¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 7:12 (NIV) ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

4. Go _____.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The first to forgive, is the _____

Matthew 5:9 (NIV) ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

James 3:17-18 (NIV) ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

√ Choices _____, feelings _____.

God's _____

Ephesians 2:8 (NLT) ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

Ephesians 2:14-16 (NLT) ¹⁴ For He (*Christ*) himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.