

God's Words of Life on  
**FORGIVENESS**

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

*Matthew 6:14-15*

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

*Luke 6:37-38*

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

*Ephesians 4:32*

Devotional Thought on  
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Forgiving is love's revolution against love's unfairness. When we forgive, we ignore the normal laws that strap us to the natural law of getting even and, by the alchemy of love, we release ourselves from our own painful pasts.

We fly over a dues-paying morality in order to create a new future out of the past's unfairness. We free ourselves from the wrong that is locked into our private histories.

We unshackle our spirits from malice; and, maybe, if we are lucky, we also restore a relationship that would otherwise be lost forever.

*Lewis B. Smedes*

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Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them."

*Mark 3:28*

Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

*Isaiah 55:7*

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in God's sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

*Colossians 1:21-22*

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

*Romans 4:7*

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

*2 Chronicles 7:14*

"I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more," says the Lord.

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Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

*Matthew 18:21-22*

O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

*Psalms 130:2-5*

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

*Acts 2:38-39*

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

*Psalms 79:9*

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You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

*Psalms 85:2*

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

*Psalms 103:12*

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

*1 John 2:1*

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:9*

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

*Mark 11:25*

Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

*Colossians 3:13*

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God said, "I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me."

*Jeremiah 33:8*

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

*Isaiah 1:18*

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

*Colossians 2:13*

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more," says the Lord.

*Isaiah 43:25*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

*Ephesians 1:7*

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

*Psalms 32:1-2*