

**Forgiveness and Love Series: Love and Marriage**

- A. If we can't learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ one another properly, then fact is, we will never have a love that lasts a lifetime with *any* spouse or *any person*
1. One reason we *must* forgive each other is simply because \_\_\_\_\_ can get it right all the time
  2. No person is a perfect spouse, because there are far too many places to fail
  3. How does anyone *ever* stay in love for a lifetime if there is no perfect spouse for *any* human being?  
A: You won't, *unless* both spouses learn to forgive each other "properly/biblically" and move forward together
- B. Christ/biblical teachings on forgiveness
1. 2 foundational passages
    - a) Mt 18 - forgive them 70 times 7 times  
(forgiveness on the inside)
    - b) Lk 17 - If your brother sins, rebuke him. And *if* he repents, forgive him.  
(forgiveness on the outside)
- C. Why does God not forgive and forget regardless of if we ever repent or not?  
A: there are \_\_\_\_\_ to consequences
1. If there were never any consequences to sin, not only would we never \_\_\_\_\_ from our mistakes, but we more than likely would get terribly hurt and we would hurt other people down the road
  2. What are we doing to our marriages, if we forgive our spouses without ever letting them know that what they are doing or have done is wrong?
  3. If you truly want a love that lasts a lifetime, you *cannot* forgive your spouse when they hurt you and act like it doesn't matter. The reason is because, if you do, they will never know the benefits of consequences, and, worse yet they will have little or no reason to \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What if they never repent?
1. Colossians 3:12-13
    - a) What is the alternative to forgiving them on the inside?
    - b) Can your soul ever be at \_\_\_\_\_ if you go to sleep every night full of anger, bitterness, frustration, and resentment?
- E. It's about *being* together, loving each other, forgiving each other when we make mistakes or worse, and, most of all, it's about being there *for* each other unconditionally; you know, whether in sickness or in health, for richer or poorer, for better or for worse, until death we do part. That's unconditional love, the same love God has for us, the same love a parent has for their child.