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Forgiveness Part 3. <u>How To Develop Forgiving Attitude</u>. Please read Part One, <u>December 2008</u>. It is pertinent to know it's not easy to forgive— yet, it's not impossible either. The grace of God is sufficient for us. The flesh can not do it but, the bible says, with God all things are possible. Though it takes time, we can develop an attitude of forgiveness.

1. <u>Walk in love</u>: the bible says there is no fear in love but, perfect love cast out all fear. **1 John 4:18.** When we choose to walk in love, we will not be easily offended or agitated. Also, it is good to love the brethren and humble ourselves enough to prefer others to ourselves: respect other people's feeling and avoid things that easily hurt them. **Phil. 2: 2-4; 4:2.**

2. <u>Avoid keeping diary or journal of wrongs</u>: This can make you to be easily edgy because as often as you look at your journal to read, you are bound to remember which will usually provoke you. That explains why the bible says we should not keep record of wrongs. **1 Corinthians 13:5** (NIV)

3. <u>Live in forgiveness</u>: This simply means, don't even wait until somebody apologizes before you forgive. Just free your spirit by trusting the Lord help to you not to lock any one in your "prison" of unforgiveness. **Psalm 109: 28**.

4. <u>Avoid vengeance</u>: Don't try to retaliate no matter how much you are provoked. Avoid vengeance because God frowns at it. **Matthew 5:39**; **Romans 12:17-21**.

5. <u>Be Prayerful</u>: By living a prayerful life, you will be more tolerant. Also, you will seek the Lord's face instead of putting the law in your hand to seek revenge. Finally, you will be less prone to offence when you choose to pray more. **1 Timothy 2:8**. Be thankful to God and let His peace rule in your heart. **Colossians 3:15**. Always sing praises, hymns and spiritual songs in your heart. **Colossians 3:16**.

6. <u>Study and meditate on the word of God</u>: **Psalm 1:1-3**. The word of God has solution for every problem we are facing on daily basis. As we endeavour to fill our lives with the WORD, we will avoid the sinful trap of the WORLD among which is vengeance. Study scriptures that deal with forgiveness also, words like love, patience, kindness, perseverance etc. **Colossians 3:12 – 16**.

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7. <u>Rely on the Holy Spirit</u>: As our teacher and guide, the Holy Spirit will always be willing to help us react in a way that will glorify God as we yield ourselves more to Him. He will always guide you into the truth that will make the Lord to be pleased with your reaction. The Spirit will always be willing to help us subdue our flesh the more we allow Him to take preeminence in our lives.

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