

**THE FRUIT OF
UNFORGIVENESS
VERSES
FORGIVENESS**

Ephesians 4:29-32; “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.”

Colossians 3:13; “Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Forgiveness The Meaning: *to cancel the debt, to cut the cord, to open the cage and set free.*

1) UNFORGIVENESS IMPRISONES BELIEVERS
WHILE FORGIVENESS FREES BOTH:

Paul stated; “Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

2) UNFORGIVENESS PRODUCES BITTERNESS
WHILE FORGIVENESS PRODUCES THE FRUIT OF
THE SPIRIT:

Hebrews 12:15; “looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”

Ephesians 4:31; *“Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.”*

Galatians 5:22-26; *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”*

3) UNFORGIVENESS GIVES SATAN AN OPEN DOOR WHILE
FORGIVENESS DEFEATS HIM:

- Ephesians 4:26-27 *“Be angry, and do not sin: so do let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.”*

4) UNFORGIVENESS HINDERS FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD WHILE
FORGIVENESS PLACES US IN THE PLACE OF MAXIMUM BLESSINGS:

- Matt. 6:14-15; *“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”*

Ps. 66:18; “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”

5) UNFORGIVENESS LEAD ONE TO SEEK THEIR ON REVENGE, TO USURP THE AUTHORITY OF GOD WHILE FORGIVENESS LETS GOD DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM:

- Romans 12:19; *“beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”*

6) UNFORGIVENESS MAKES BELIEVERS UNFIT FOR WORSHIP WHILE FORGIVENESS BRINGS ABOUT TRUE WORSHIP:

- Matt. 5:23-24; *“Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift”*