

Forgiveness-3 phases

1 Cor 3:16-17 NIV

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

2 Cor 5:17-20a NIV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

The Three Phases of Forgiveness

(God wants us to have a “no-write off policy” for others – He blesses *unity* and *submission*)

***Two key questions to ask: In this situation, where did I sin? Is this a “besetting sin?”**

Release the offense immediately

Re-establish communication ASAP

Restore the relationship over time

Matt 5:23-24 NIV

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

Col 3:13-14 NIV

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.