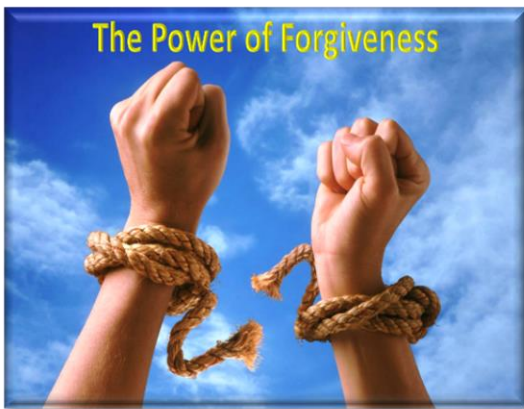


Bible Study

Thought-Provoking Questions



The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader; or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading “The Power of Forgiveness.”

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an ©) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

Questions (Do your best to respond to each lesson question before looking at the answer.)

1. List and describe the 3 different types of forgiveness.
 2. Why is it difficult to forgive others?
 3. What was the underlying message in The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant?
 4. What are consequences of non-forgiveness?
 5. What are the benefits of forgiveness?
 6. Should we forgive for the benefit of the one who harmed us, or for the benefit of ourselves?
- © Are you harboring unforgiveness? If yes:
- How do you know?
 - Are you experiencing any of the psychological and physical effects listed on page 6?
 - How long have you harbored unforgiveness?
 - Do you want to be free from the bondage?
 - Are you ready to completely let it go and give it all to God?
- © Is total, absolute and complete forgiveness spiritual? If yes, why?

Answers

1. Page 2: We must be forgiven by God. We must forgive others, self and God. We need to be forgiven by those whom we have harmed.
2. Page 3: Our flesh does not want to forgive and it wants revenge—which is magnified by our emotions.
3. Page 3: If we are forgiven, we must also forgive.
4. Page 5: Anger, bitterness, hatred, emotional distress, caustic rage, under bondage by the one who harmed us.
5. Page 5: Healing of internal scars and reversal of the negative consequences of non-forgiveness.
6. Page 5: For the benefit of ourselves.