

DIMENSIONS OF FORGIVENESS

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

DIMENSION	DIRECTION	REQUIREMENT	GOAL	AS GOD	LOVING HIM/HER
Relinquish	Vertical	The offended one's choice	Personal Freedom	Christ's Sacrifice	As an Enemy
Reconcile	Horizontal	The offender repents	Restored Relationship	Salvation	As a Neighbor
Restore	Horizontal	Healthy Communication Practical Love	Restored Fellowship	Spiritual Growth	As a Friend

What are the practical steps for relinquishment of wrongs?

- a. Prayerfully list those you have not fully forgiven.
Psalm 139:23,24
- b. Name by name, list the issues that need to be relinquished.
- c. Recognize the hurt and pain involved.
- d. Entrust the case of each on to God, knowing He has seen it and will judge righteously.
Psalm 55:22; Romans 12:19
- e. Release any rights to revenge.
Romans 12:17-21
- f. Accept the inevitable, on-going consequences of the wrongs.
James 1:2,3
- g. Accept God's compensating grace, which is sufficient.
2 Corinthians 12:9
- h. Document this process and declare it "done" if the Enemy brings it to mind again.
James 4:7