

TRUE FORGIVENESS

2 Cor. 2:10-11

“¹⁰ Y al que vosotros perdonáis, yo también; porque también yo lo que he perdonado, si algo he perdonado, por vosotros lo he hecho en presencia de Cristo,¹¹ para que Satanás no gane ventaja alguna sobre nosotros; pues no ignoramos sus maquinaciones”

“¹⁰ If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes”

INTRO: Forgiveness is a very hard word to swallow. It’s easy to say but hard to do. The Apostol Paul here mentions something that is interesting; two things that captures my thoughts: 1) He is always trying to outwit us and 2) He has schemes against us. The Apostle Paul comes and opens the door to the Corinthians that one of those schemes is “Forgiveness”.

- I. SATAN’S SCHEMES – Make a plan, especially in a devious way or with intent to do something illegal or wrong**
 - 1. Satan does not like nor love us**
 - 2. We are God’s image and likeness**
 - 1) Kill**
 - 2) Steal**
 - 3) Destroy**
 - 3. He is always trying to outwit us**
 - 1) The Bible describes him as a lion**
- II. HE USES**
 - 1. BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT**
 - 1) Heb. 12:15** “¹⁵ See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many” “¹⁵ Mirad bien, no sea que alguno deje de alcanzar la gracia de Dios; que brotando alguna raíz de amargura, os estorbe, y por ella muchos sean contaminados”
 - 2. WANTING TO BE FIRST**
 - 1) 1 Pe 5:6** “⁶ Humillaos, pues, bajo la poderosa mano de Dios, para que él os exalte cuando fuere tiempo” “⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”
 - 3. LUST OF THE EYES**
 - 1) 1 Jn 2:16-17** “¹⁶ For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever” “¹⁶ Porque todo lo que hay en el mundo, los deseos de la carne, los deseos de los ojos, y la vanagloria de la vida, no proviene del Padre, sino del mundo. ¹⁷ Y el mundo pasa, y sus deseos; pero el que hace la voluntad de Dios permanece para siempre”
- III. FORGIVENESS?**
 - 1. It goes against our instincts**
 - 1) We have shields that God has put within us to guard us in this world**
 - 2. It is Biblical**
 - 1) Mat. 18:21-22** “²¹ Entonces se le acercó Pedro y le dijo: Señor, ¿cuántas veces perdonaré a mi hermano que peque contra mí? ¿Hasta siete? ²² Jesús le dijo: No te digo hasta siete, sino aun hasta setenta veces siete” “²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times”

3. It's applying the Golden Rule

1) Mat. 7:12 ^{“12} So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets” ^{“12} Así que, todas las cosas que queráis que los hombres hagan con vosotros, así también haced vosotros con ellos; porque esto es la ley y los profetas”

4. Just the way the Father forgave us we have to forgive

1) Mat. 6:14-15 ^{“14} Porque si perdonáis a los hombres sus ofensas, os perdonará también a vosotros vuestro Padre celestial; ¹⁵ mas si no perdonáis a los hombres sus ofensas, tampoco vuestro Padre os perdonará vuestras ofensas” ^{“14} For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

CONCLUSION: