

## Administering Kind Tenderhearted Forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32)

### BIG IDEA:

God's purpose for you, His child is that your wealth in Christ should be manifested in your "walk" in and outside the body of Christ. Your "walk" includes practical grace which involves kindness, compassion, & forgiveness.

- I. The EXHORTATION to a Worthy Walk in Christ (v 1-3)
- II. The WALK of our UNITY in Christ (v 4-16)
- III. The WALK of personal HOLINESS in the church (v 17-32)

\* Some initial principles on forgiveness:

\* Unequivocally, it is God's \_\_\_\_\_ that you forgive one another

\* Jesus said your lack of forgiveness with others \_\_\_\_\_ your fellowship with Him

\* As a New Creation in Christ, since you have put off the old man positionally, you are to put on practically the following:

1. You are to be \_\_\_\_\_ to one another.

\* Be -

\* Kind -

2. You are to be \_\_\_\_\_ to one another.

\* Tenderhearted -

3. You are to be \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

\* Forgiving (normal usage) -

\* The underlying \_\_\_\_\_ for believers to forgive others is God's \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ toward us

\* Forgiving (this verse) -

- \* Biblical forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Biblical forgiveness is not \_\_\_\_\_ the offense, the offender's responsibility, or the painful effects of the offense.
- \* Biblical forgiveness means to \_\_\_\_\_ the offender from the guilt of his sin.
- \* Biblical forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Biblical forgiveness is not primarily a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Biblical forgiveness is an issue of the \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Biblical forgiveness means you \_\_\_\_\_ to bring up the offense to \_\_\_\_\_ against the offender.
- \* Biblical forgiveness means you refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ about the offense.
- \* Biblical forgiveness means that you refuse to focus on the offense, or to use it against the offender by \_\_\_\_\_ about it or \_\_\_\_\_ him of it.
- \* Biblical forgiveness is not passively \_\_\_\_\_ future injury, or naively agreeing to \_\_\_\_\_ an untrustworthy offender.

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- \* Biblical forgiveness includes seeking to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the offender as far as is biblically possible.
  - \* Biblical forgiveness accepts the injury of past offenses, \_\_\_\_\_ that God will sovereignly work through them in your life for good
  - \* Biblical forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* Biblical forgiveness has as its ultimate motive to \_\_\_\_\_ God

\* What does this mean to you?