

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Eph 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Col 3:12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

Col 3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Some people call this asking forgiveness ...

Following are ways in which we deflect or minimize our actions when confronted ...

1. "silence"

2. I'm sorry, that you got upset (*sorry expresses regret or remorse; for what?*)

3. **I didn't mean** to come down **so hard** on you this morning,

4. I do take it seriously when I see ...,

5. **but**,

6. **it seems** I sounded **harsher** about it **than I intended** to sound,

7. **I didn't mean** to give you **such a thrashing** and

8. **I hadn't realized** I had,

9. **I guess** I'm a little ornery today,

10. Friends?

- Yet it is all self-justification, passing the buck, minimizing the harshness of words or actions, making it appear that one did not intend, denying intent, setting aside, saying one feels some sorrow, not accepting personal responsibility, **no owning** of the wrong, **no asking** for forgiveness

Asking forgiveness requires two things ...

1. **OWNING THE WRONG ... "I have wronged you or I have done a wrong thing".**

We need to take **full responsibility** for what was spoken or done to cause the hurt.

Psa 38:18 For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

2. **ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS! ... "Will you forgive me?"**

Just telling someone that you are sorry, bypasses their right to hold you to account and to forgive. It adds insult to injury by the one causing harm absolving themselves by saying they are sorry. The one who was hurt is not given the opportunity to forgive.

Example

2 Sam 12:13 So David said to Nathan, "**I have sinned against the LORD.**" And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Luke 18:13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, '**God, be merciful to me a sinner!**'

Psa 32:1 A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.

Blessed is *he whose* transgression is forgiven, *Whose sin is* covered.

Psa 32:2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

Psa 32:3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.

Psa 32:4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah

Psa 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Mat 18:21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

Mat 18:22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Mat 18:23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

Mat 18:24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

Mat 18:25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

Mat 18:26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

Mat 18:27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

Mat 18:28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

Mat 18:29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

Mat 18:30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

Mat 18:31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

Mat 18:32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

Mat 18:33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

Mat 18:34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

Mat 18:35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Luk 6:37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luk 7:36 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

Luk 7:37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

Luk 7:38 and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil.

Luk 7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

Luk 7:40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it."

Luk 7:41 "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

Luk 7:42 And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

Luk 7:43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

Luk 7:44 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head.

Luk 7:45 You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

Luk 7:46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

Luk 7:47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

Luk 7:48 Then He said to her, "**Your sins are forgiven.**"

Luk 7:49 And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Luk 7:50 Then He said to the woman, "**Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.**"