

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Matthew 6:12-14

12Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. **13**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

14For 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.

Matthew 18:21-22

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.**

1 Corinthians 13:5

Love is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs

Preventing the *need* to forgive:

Do not be easily angered

If God isn't easily angered,
I shouldn't be

Psalm 103:8

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger,
abounding in love.

Preventing the need to forgive—do not be easily angered

1. Even Spock had emotions

Preventing the need to forgive—do not be easily angered

2. Don't be trigger happy

Preventing the need to forgive—do not be easily angered

James 1:19-20

. . . take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,
20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

Preventing the need to forgive—do not be easily angered

3. Manage your anger or
your anger will manage you

Shorten the span of unforgiveness

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1. Imagination powers indignation

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Love keeps no record of wrongs

2. We judge others by their actions and
ourselves by our intentions

Shorten the span of unforgiveness

Love keeps no record of wrongs

3. Hurt people hurt people

Psalm 103:11-12

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.