

*“The Spirit of Faith”***“UNFORGIVENESS”****THE BIGGEST ENEMY TO FAITH**

1. **YES NO NOT SURE:** UNFORGIVENESS is your responsibility?
2. Mark Hankins asks you a question: “How long does it takes to deal with an offense or unforgiveness?”
 - ✓ When another person is _____ and _____ about the problem, the first thing you need to do is _____, “I want you to forgive me.”
 - ✓ You may argue, “What _____ I tell them I’m sorry, _____ I feel like it’s really their fault, and they won’t tell me they’re sorry?”
 - ✓ Even if that person doesn’t _____ (to make a return),
 - It’s not your business. Your business is to _____ them. Get rid of that _____.
 - ✓ If the other person _____ know about the problem—If it’s something you did or something you’ve been holding against them---there’s no reason to get them involved, because you’ll stir up more devils than you cast out! There is no need to tell someone. “I’ve been mad at you for 6 months” when they did not know it. Just forgive them and be _____ again.
3. Ephesians 4:26 says **“you shouldn’t let the sun go down on your wrath”**. What does that means? **Other translation** says, “Don’t let the sun go down finding you _____ a grudge.”
 - ☞ This is where the devil has his greatest opportunity to _____ your faith.
4. Ephesians 4:27 says, **“Neither give place to the devil.”** **Other translations** say “Don’t give the devil any opportunity [to work].” (GW) “Don’t give the devil a chance.” (GNT) “Do not give the devil a way to defeat you.” (NCV) “Don’t give in one inch to the devil.” (CPV)
 - ☞ If the devil has any place in your life, you _____ it to him [_____]!
 - ☞ You might not have known what you were doing, or you might have given him [devil] place through _____.
 - ☞ **‘NEGLIGENCE’** means _____
 - In other words, you refused to do what is _____.
 - Another way the devil got in was through _____
 - You knew what the Word of God said, and you _____ to do it.
 - Therefore, you _____ the door to the devil.

OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES:

5. **“JOB”** in the O.T.:
 - ☞ You will notice that God turned his [Job’s] captivity when he [Job] prayed for his friends. (Job 42:10)
 - ☞ Job’s friends were really his [Job’s] _____.
 - ☞ God can turn your captivity, too, if you will pray for your critics and ask God to _____ them.
6. **“JOSEPH”** in the O.T.:
 - ☞ Joseph is the greatest illustration of what? _____
 - ☞ Joseph had many opportunities for _____ during his life.
 - Joseph’s brothers cast Joseph into a _____ and sold him into _____. In Egypt, Potiphar’s wife falsely accused him of _____ and the two men he helped get released from prison _____ to speak up for Joseph.

- Joseph **COULD HAVE TURNED** into a _____, _____, and _____ man.
- Bible says, that while he was in prison, Joseph _____ did whatever the jailer need with all of his might. So even while he was in prison, Joseph kept on working as unto the Lord and he never got _____. God brought Joseph out of prison, turned the whole situation around, and made Joseph _____ over all of Egypt.
- His brothers came to Egypt for the food they buy. Joseph saw and **COULD HAVE SAID**, “I’ve got a chance to get you back now for what you did to me 20 years ago.” But Joseph _____ held that grudge, instead, Joseph told his brothers, “What you [brothers] meant for _____ God turned for my _____. Now I can be a _____ to you.
- **YES NO NOT SURE:** If Joseph had let unforgiveness and bitterness enter his heart, God promoted Joseph as the ruler of Egypt.

UNFORGIVENESS CAN CAUSE DISEASE:

7. You may be having to deal with problems that are a result of something someone did. You keep **REMEMBERING** that God is _____ and He will bring you out. “LIFE IS NOT FAIR, BUT GOD IS GOOD!”
8. You **REMEMBER** that **UNFORGIVENESS IS THE GREATEST _____ TO YOUR FAITH**, you must deal with it _____.
9. We may **NEVER FIND** a cure for a certain (surely) diseases, because all diseases are not simply physical or biological.
 - ☞ Who is the source of it [diseases-sicknesses] all? a) Jesus b) God c) devil d) Holy Spirit f) angel g) Adam
 - ☞ When he [_____] tricks you into unforgiveness or bitterness, all kinds of incurable diseases may _____.
 - ☞ Medicine won’t be able to cure these diseases, because the cure for them is a matter of the _____--spiritual.
 - ☞ When you get things _____ in your heart you are in position to receiving your what? _____
 - ☞ **YES NO NOT SURE:** The cure for certain (surely) diseases is forgiveness!

GUARD YOUR HEART:

10. Jesus said, “*When you stand praying, forgive.*” This means, while you are standing praying, you can quickly make an _____ in your heart.
 - ☞ People often let things _____ on them for years and years.
 - ☞ You can make a _____ to forgive.
 - ☞ **YES NO NOT SURE:** FORGIVENESS IS A FEELING, IT’S NOT CHOICE!
 - ☞ **YES NO NOT SURE:** On the Cross, Jesus said, “Father, forgive them who had been beating Him, spitting on Him, and mocking Him”.
 - ☞ **UNFORGIVENESS** will get inside you and make your heart _____ so your faith won’t respond or work properly.
 - ☞ Then you will begin to _____ God’s abilities and won’t be able to receive from Him.
 - ☞ The devil is trying to keep your faith from working and get you to _____ the door to **UNFORGIVENESS**.
 - ☞ If the devil can get in through **UNFORGIVENESS**, _____ will follow and remain. _____ will also enter and you won’t be able to get rid of it. Then the door is open for _____.
 - ☞ This is why you need to _____ the door of **UNFORGIVENESS** and offense.

- ☞ Name 3 things or traps are the primary that you have to guard against and you must watch out for these traps of the enemy just as if they [_____] were rattlesnakes?

THE PEACE OF GOD:

Psalms 119:165 VOC: "Those who love Your law have an abundance of peace, and nothing along their paths can cause them to stumble."

11. When you love the Lord, the peace of God is _____ and nothing will offend you.

- ☞ The word 'offense' means _____
- ☞ The old saying that to _____ is human and to forgive is _____.
- ☞ **YES NO NOT SURE:** Are you perfect?
- ☞ Remember, the forgiveness is not a _____. It is a choice.
- ☞ Faith works by _____, but the primary enemy of faith is _____.
- ☞ You need to read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Read it below and say it over every day.

Love is patient.

Love is kindness.

Love is not jealous. Love does not want what belongs to others.

Love does not brag. Love doesn't sing its own praises.

Love is not proud.

Love is not rude. Love

Love is not selfish. Love is not self-seeking. Love doesn't seek its own way.

Love is not easily angered. Love is not quickly made angry. Love does not get upset with others.

Love keeps no record of wrongs. Love doesn't keep a record of complaints. Love doesn't keep track of wrongs.

Love takes no pleasure in wrongdoing.

Love has joy in what is true.

Love always protects. Love puts up with all things. If I love someone I will be loyal to him no matter what cost.

Love always trusts. Love trusts God always. I will always believe in him.

Love always hopes. Love always looks for the BEST. I will always believe in him, I always expect the best of him.

Love always endures. Love never looks back. I will always stand my ground in defending him.

LOVE NOT QUIT.

answer:

1. no
2. n/a
involved, know, say
if, but
reciprocate
forgive, grudge
doesn't, friendly
3. nursing
hinder
4. gave, devil
negligence
'I refused to exercise my authority as a believer
right
disobedience
refused
opened
5. critics
bless
6. God's promotion
offense
pit, slavery, rape, refused
bitter, mean, frustrated
willing, bitter, ruler
enter, evil, good, blessing
no
7. good
8. enemy, quickly
9. c) devil
devil, result
heart
right, healing
yes
10. adjustment
eat
decision
no
yes
callused
question
open
sickness, poverty, other problems
close
[unforgiveness, offense, and bitterness], unforgiveness, offense, and bitterness
11. your/mine
a place of stumbling—something that trips you
err, divine
no
feeling
love, unforgiveness