



The Hardest Nut to Crack

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Colossians 3:13-15 (NIV)

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.



Forgive

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

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.

Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

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.

Forgiveness is not:

- ^ A Feeling**
- ^ Deserved**
- ^ Excusing**
- ^ Reconciliation**

Forgiveness is:

^ **A Choice**

^ **A Process**

^ **Active**

Romans 12:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.



Forgive



Love

1 Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)

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.

Galatians 5:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”



Love is:

**willing self-sacrifice
for the good of
another that doesn't
demand reciprocation
or that the person
being loved is**



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Peace

John 14:27 (NIV)

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



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