

The Choice

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1: 15-17

1) Forgiveness reminds me of Jesus' sacrifice and **demonstrates** my **awareness** of this fact.

32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

2) Forgiveness is **obedience** to God and keeps me in **harmony** with Him.

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14 (Matthew 18:21-31)

7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7

3) Forgiveness is one of the top moves of my life that will **unlock** or **destroy** my **destiny** and future.

a. Forgiveness is my **choice**...it's not based on an **emotion**.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"

says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Romans 12: 17-20

b. My choice to forgive will **unchain** me but will not be based on the other **person's** response

c. Forgiveness is a **process** and not a **one-time** act.