



FREEDOM FOR LIFE

The Freedom of Giving People Grace Instead of Forgiveness

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Living a life of **proactive grace** rather than just **reactive forgiveness**

>> Proactive grace is not about minimizing what someone else did, but it is about minimizing the damage it causes in you.

Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

>> It allows you to **preempt** the damage of unforgiveness in your life.

Ephesians 4:31

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

Colossians 3:12-15

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the **peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.**

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>> Receiving grace disarms people instead of making them defensive.

>> Overlooking an offense does not make what happened ok; it means that you get to reconcile without the weight of unforgiveness.

>> Some of us live our lives in a state of constant offense, but God wants you to live in the freedom of consistent grace.