

Forgiveness

If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him **Luke 17: 3**

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.

Colossians 3: 12 – 13a

The Bible teaches that your responsibility if someone has sinned against you is...

- † Not to hate them, seek revenge or hope the worst for them but to pray they come to realize what they have done is wrong and get right with God about it.
 - Hating them or hoping the worst for them only makes you angry and bitter
- † If they admit what they did was wrong, you should say to them that you forgive them and you should not bring up what they did ever again in the future.

And the things the Bible says you are NOT responsible for...

- † You should not say to them that what they did wrong to you or what they did to harm you was okay.
 - Forgiving them is different from saying that what they did was acceptable
- † You do not have to put yourself in the same situation with them again.
 - To forgive someone – to not seek personal revenge and desire for them to get right with God – does not mean that you have to expose yourself to being hurt by them again.

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