

## FORGIVENESS (2)

### *The "Fruits" Needed to Move From Forgiveness to Reconciliation*

#### INTRODUCTION:

- A. God expects forgiven people to forgive (*Matt 18:21-35*).
- B. And yet, it's possible to forgive someone without offering immediate reconciliation.
- C. What's the aim of reconciliation? The restoring of broken \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Reconciliation often depends on the attitude and actions of the offender.
  - 2. Those who commit significant or repeated offenses must recognize that reconciliation is a process.
- D. What "fruits" are needed to move from forgiveness to reconciliation?

#### I. The "Fruits" of Genuine Repentance (*Matt 7:16*)

- A. Godly \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Authentic \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Accepting full \_\_\_\_\_ for my actions.
- D. Welcoming \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
- E. Not continuing in the hurtful \_\_\_\_\_ or anything associated with it.
- F. Not having a defensive \_\_\_\_\_ about being in the wrong.
- G. Not \_\_\_\_\_ or downplaying the hurtful behavior.
- H. Not \_\_\_\_\_ the doubts of others or the need to demonstrate sincerity.
- I. Making \_\_\_\_\_ where necessary.

#### II. The "Fruits" That Produce Genuine Reconciliation (*Matt 5:23-24*)

- A. Being \_\_\_\_\_ about my motives.
- B. Being \_\_\_\_\_ in my attitude.
- C. Being \_\_\_\_\_ about the one who hurt me.
- D. Being willing to admit ways I might have \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem.
- E. Being \_\_\_\_\_ with the offender.
- F. Being \_\_\_\_\_ about my concerns.
- G. Being \_\_\_\_\_ about the necessary steps forward.
- H. Giving no opportunity to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I. Being mindful of and thankful for God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- J. Being \_\_\_\_\_ about the process.