

## Forgiveness 4

### II Corinthians 2:1-11

“Unforgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_, poisoning the heart and mind with bitterness, distorting one’s whole perspective on life. Unforgiveness results in anger, resentment, and sorrow, overshadowing, overwhelming that person’s life.” (MacArthur)

It's been scientifically proven there are health benefits to forgiveness.

I. Forgiveness Deflects \_\_\_\_\_.

MacArthur is convinced that \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary reason most people refuse to forgive. Remember that \_\_\_\_\_ is married to \_\_\_\_\_. If you’re determined not to take \_\_\_\_\_, you’ll be hard to \_\_\_\_\_. Rather than severely punishing his brothers, Joseph saw the opportunity with them as a \_\_\_\_\_ to bless them.

II. Forgiveness Shows \_\_\_\_\_.

We should always be more ready to \_\_\_\_\_ than we are to \_\_\_\_\_. Forgiveness, not condemnation epitomizes the heart of \_\_\_\_\_. Do you know who shows the most mercy?

III. Forgiveness Restores \_\_\_\_\_.

God is \_\_\_\_\_ tender-hearted towards repentant sinners. Churches must not set false borders on \_\_\_\_\_. Refusing to forgive sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. Forgiveness Affirms \_\_\_\_\_.

The real test of love is how \_\_\_\_\_ we forgive when we are \_\_\_\_\_. “Almost nothing can fracture a church where forgiveness is practiced....”

Unforgiveness, even in the smallest dose, is a worse \_\_\_\_\_ than tartaric acid and can leave devastating affects wherever it goes.

Is there someone you need to forgive today? Don’t wait, do it, today.