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SELF-FORGIVENESS
Forgiveness 7

Sin: MtB: _____
Missing the Bullseye

Romans 3:23 - *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

WHEN We Sin, What Do We Do? C,Aff,bC: _____

Confess, Ask for Forgiveness, be Cleansed

1 John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

What is the Result? NC: _____

No Condemnation

Romans 8:1 - *[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Walk After the Flesh: S:IWStWiR,NMWiR: _____

Stubbornness: I Will Stick to What I Feel No Matter What is Right.

Walk After the Spirit: WStS:GRPO: _____

Will Submitted to Spirit: God, Religion, Principles, Others.

Which takes WP:IWStWiR,NMWIF: _____

Will Power: I Will Stick to What is Right, No Matter What I Feel.

Who is our Accuser? S: _____

Satan

Revelation 12:10b - *The accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

God Loves You, and He Has a Wonderful Plan for Your Life.
Satan Hates You, and He also Has a Plan for Your Life.

If you CHOOSE to NOT Forgive Yourself, Who's Side Are You On?

If you choose TO Forgive Yourself, Who's Side Are You On?

BPcbP: _____

Both Plans can be Painful.

God's way will put you through the Refiner's Fire to clear the dross - the impure junk that makes the silver worthless. God's way will Prune you to cut away the growth you have to help you get even better results and fulfill your purpose. In the end, you have Joy Forever.

Satan's side is also filled with pain. But his side tries to make things look fun right now - and you'll pay for the rest of your life - and if he can pull it off - he'll get as many other people to pay for your sin as possible. If he can get multiple generations - so much the better.

If we walked with Satan's side for a while, getting back on track will almost always be even more painful than if we had just done it right the first time. Think about how painful it is to recover from a really bad auto accident. Think about how exhausting it is recovering from a really bad disease. It's not fun. Sometimes the cure feels worse than the disease. But you MUST do it.

And here's the kicker...HUMANS do most of Satan's work FOR him. Christians do a great deal of it, too. Satan Himself is just one being in one place. Conventional theology says that Satan's side is half the size of God's side, so he needs to be strategic in where he sends his agents. BUT that works out okay for him... because WE end up doing most of his work for him anyway. We refuse to Forgive, so WE become accusers - of Others and Ourselves!

Does God Offer Forgiveness...

- A. So we can go sin as much as we like?
- B. So we won't feel guilty for not changing?
- C. So we don't live in Reaction and can Change in a Healthy Way?

Should We Forgive Ourselves...

- A. So we can go sin as much as we like?
- B. So we won't be guilty for not changing?
- C. So we don't live in Reaction and can Change in a Healthy Way?

Therefore, we Forgive Ourselves AND Forgive OTHERS for the exact same reason GOD does.

Nathan and David. TPoM: _____

The Power of Metaphor.

All Principles Must Be Consistently Applied. Emotional Word Picture.

TLYW,tHII: _____

The Longer You Wait, the Harder It Is.

Two Parts of "Hard": D,C: _____

Difficult, Complicated

Difficult: IWTaLoE: _____

It Will Take a Lot of Effort.

Complicated: IHaLoP: _____

It Has a Lot of Pieces.

If you learn to FAYG: _____ you can avoid baggage.

Forgive As You Go

Therefore, what should we be teaching our children? But we must Learn and Do before we Teach.

Suppose you went to First Grade, and you learned First Grade. Then you went to Second Grade, and no one knew it, but they just did all the First Grade stuff again. This continues through Eighth Grade - and then you get dropped in High School - REAL High School - and you need to catch up.

You would EXPECT it to be hard - but if you KNEW you needed this education to survive in today's world - what would you do? As hard as it would be - what you would tell your child?

Forgiveness is Similar. If we did not learn because no one taught us - and now we need to "catch up" - it will be HARD. It's supposed to be hard. That's supposed to motivate us to make sure the Next Generation learns it early, and motivate them by the story of how hard it is if you start late.

But we MUST do it. We must consider that our own difficulty and complexity is because we did not know - and we catch up - and then teach the Next Generation so they WILL know.

How Quickly It Gets Complicated, and How Quickly It Gets Bad...

"Suppose I'm training in martial arts, and I forget a move in one of my forms...."

Failure to Forgive Ourselves: IAtWTtID: _____

I AM the Worst Thing that I Did.

Unintended Consequence: EItWTTD: _____

Everyone IS the Worst Thing They Did

Which Includes: YAtWTYD: _____

YOU ARE the Worse Thing You Did

Guilt: IVOoMOHP: _____

I Violated One of My Own Highest Principles

Response: CtPoFtP:

Change the Principle or Follow the Principle

If you will Change the Principle, you need to Forgive Yourself for having a Bad Principle.

If you will Follow the Principle, you need a plan to protect yourself from Violating it Again.

Short Term: AET:PoNR: _____

Avoid Excess Temptation, Point of No Return

Medium Term: AP(S): _____

Accountability Partner (Spotter)

Long Term: GSiAoW: _____

Get Strong in Area of Weakness