

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. <sup>8</sup> Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

"It's better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all" - Alfred Tennyson.

"Knowledge is power" - Francis Bacon

"To err is human, to forgive is divine" - Alexander Pope.

"God helps those that help themselves."

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"Love like you've never been hurt" - Leroy "Satchel" Paige

"Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching." - Leroy "Satchel" Paige

"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and man." – Mark Twain

"It is impossible that no offenses should come" – Jesus in Luke 17:1

2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

Colossians 1:21-23 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

**Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

**1. Forgiveness is not about keeping score. It's about losing count.**

Step 1: you've got to be open to it.

**2. Sometimes the worst done to you can bring out the best in you.**

Colossians 13:7

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

**3. It's unforgivable not to forgive.**

Matthew 6:14-15

<sup>14</sup> "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.