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Beloved,

I believe you have now a greater insight on forgiveness and would have by now released forgiveness to those who have hurt you or those you have hurt. You have also gone through the process of repentance to God.

How many I have counseled still believed that they cannot repent as the mistakes are not their fault or they might have some other reasons. Others feel they are very righteous before God and do not need repentance. It hurts my heart to see that they are depriving themselves of freedom in Christ.

What do you think are the hindrances?

(a) Sin is too great – He might consider that his or her sins are too great and it is difficult or traumatic and therefore find himself or herself unworthy to ask God for forgiveness. A person like this will need a revelation of God's heart toward him or her before he or she can face God asking for forgiveness. As ministers of biblical healing we need to assure them God's word is true and give the appropriate scripture verses to reinforce our assurance.

(b) Unwilling to submit to the will of Christ – Without such willingness you (and God) are blocked in your attempt to deal with deep issues. The person's will must be engaged on God's side of the problem. One who continues to go his own way is taking Satan's side and blocking God's working in her or his life.

(c) Difficulty in abandoning sin – There are roots to this and it lies in emotional wounding. People's determination and ability to choose may be quite weak, stemming from events early in life. As issues are working through in inner healing, however, they usually gain strength to exert their wills more effectively.

(d) Unable to give up sinful habits – In this case a demon may be giving strength to this sinful habit. Deliverance from spirits that enhance such things are lust, pornography, drunkenness, stealing, lying, unforgiveness, hatred and pride is necessary. Only deliverance from these can help a person to resist temptation in the future.

(e) Many people have difficulties repenting from occult practices as they felt that when they come to Jesus and say the sinner's prayer, God has already forgiven them of all their sins without having to name them. A general prayer will suffice. Conviction and repentance can only come to a person as their eyes are opened to the passages of scripture defining that these are abominations to God.

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(f) Angry with God – many blame God for the calamities they had to go through resulting in loss of loved ones. I know of a brother who gave up on Jesus because he lost his wife during her first delivery. On the contrary we should acknowledge the distress and not gloat over the pain of unanswered questions. It has never been God's desire to hurt anyone. We should in fact fight against the enemy or acknowledge the weakness of our own flesh. There are no satisfactory answers and we have to come to terms with ourselves to choose to trust God's goodness even when we do not understand. May God open our understanding that it is the devil who is always trying to destroy us and we should take caution to attack him with the weapons of warfare handed to us by Jesus.

(g) Some have a **misconception that repentance is too easy**. Will God keep forgiving us? We all know about His unconditional love. If He has unconditional love then He will forgive us unconditionally. Others feel that they are too hypocritical because they cannot control their emotions.

(h) Some have **trouble receiving forgiveness from God**. God says He remembers your sins no more as He has blot out your transgressions for His name sake (Isa 43:25). God always want His relationship restored with you. God forgave Moses for murder and David for adultery. The parable of the prodigal son itself explains His unconditional love.

If you are in one of these categories, I pray that you will come into true repentance as it is good for the soul. Till repentance happens, your intimacy with Jesus is warped.

Prayer:

Father I thank you that I have a loving Father who forgives me unconditionally. Now that I have forgiven all others, I thank You that I can come to You through the shed blood of Jesus and the power of His cross asking You to forgive me of all my sins (Name the sins). I acknowledge all these sins and take responsibility for each and every one of them. I have breached Your commandments and the iniquity that is in my heart.

Holy Spirit, thank You for working out my forgiveness in my life, for healing me and for cleansing me from all unrighteousness. Thank You Father for restoring me to relationship with You. Help me not to blow it again! In Jesus name Amen.

Look out for our next article "Have we forgiven ourselves?"



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