

ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR MAKING MARRIAGE WORK

May 12, 2019

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I. Tool #1: _____ – Luke 6:27-36

II. Tool #2: _____ – Proverbs 19:11, 1 Peter 4:8

III. Tool #3: _____ – Matthew 18:23-35

**ANY BROKEN RELATIONSHIP CAN BE REPAIRED WHEN
I USE THE RIGHT _____ WITH THE RIGHT _____.**

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$6,979.00

This Month: \$6,929.00

Last Month: \$21,507.00

Monthly Budget: \$19,017.00



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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

No relationship is beyond repair with the help and love of Jesus.

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Luke 6:27-36, Proverbs 19:11, 1 Peter 4:8. What is mercy and why should followers of Jesus be merciful? What is the biblical understanding of forbearance? What are some examples and non-examples of forbearance?

Read Matthew 18:23-35. Why does God expect us to forgive when it is so hard? What is required for forgiveness to take place? Why is forgiveness so hard? What are some common misconceptions or reasons why people don't forgive?

Compare and contrast Mercy, Forbearance and Forgiveness. How are they similar? How are they different? Share some examples of how you have extended or experienced each one in your marriage or other relationships.



2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

God calls us not just to give mercy, but to be merciful. Would others say you are a merciful person (spouse, kids, family, friends, coworkers, neighbors)? Why or why not? What keeps you from extending mercy and forbearance more in relationships?

Are you holding any unforgiveness in your heart toward your spouse or someone else in your life? Why have you not forgiven them yet? What valve, cost, or misconception is keeping you from forgiveness? What has been the effect of your unforgiveness on you and on them?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH & COMMIT THIS WEEK

Write down the name of someone in your life that you need to extend more mercy or forgiveness to in your life right now. Then follow these steps this week:

1. Identify the person and offense.
2. Pray for God to help you absorb the cost of their sin and trust Him for justice.
3. Resolve in your heart to overlook or forgive the sin.
4. Either cover the offense in love or go talk to them and seek reconciliation.

