**Forgiveness – Ponderings**

**Forgive me for allowing myself to be hurt by you so easily. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Anger makes you smaller, while forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were. *(Cherie Carter-Scott)***

**You don’t have to accept the invitation to get angry. Instead, practice forgiveness, empathy, and encouragement. *(Dan Fallon)***

**My forgiveness is now available, if you consider it worth having. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Nothing in this lost world bears the impress of Jesus so surely as forgiveness. *(Alice Cary)***

**My behavior was inexcusable, but not, I hope, unforgivable. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Only the brave know how to forgive. *(Bob Phillips, in Book of Great Thoughts & Funny Sayings, p. 132)***

**Even brave people are not always brave enough to forgive. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**When you forgive, you in no way change the past, but you sure do change the future. *(Bernard Meltzer, radio host)***

**A Christian is not perfect; he is FORGIVEN. *(Car Bumper Sticker)***

**Forgiveness is our command. Judgment is not. *(C. Neil Strait)***

**To forgive everyone is as much cruelty as to forgive no one. *(Greek proverb)***

**One pardons in the degree that one loves. *(La Rochefoucauld)***

**Whatever you are doing, I forgive you. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Earth is Forgiveness School. *(Anne Lamott, author)***

**It's far easier to forgive an enemy after you've got even with him. *(Olin Miller)***

**It is easier for the generous to forgive than for the offender to ask for forgiveness. *(Bob Phillips, in Heavenly Humor, p. 86)***

**Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future. *(Paul Boese)***

**One must forgive fashion everything because it dies so young. *(Jean Cocteau)***

**When we forgive, we free ourselves from the bitter ties that bind us to the one who hurt us. *(Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre)***

**Some people forgive their enemies; others even forgive their friends. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 324)***

**You may have noticed that every enemy you made has ten friends. And every friend you made has ten more friends. *(Paul Lee Tan, in Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations)***

**Forgiveness is a funny thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting. *(William Arthur Ward)***

**Forgiveness is a gift of high value. Yet it costs nothing. *(Betty Smith)***

**God can’t forgive you. God doesn’t forgive, because God doesn’t hold unforgiveness. *(Eric Butterworth, in Commitment of Love)***

**Of course God will forgive me; that’s his business. *(Heinrich Heine, in Last Words, 1856)***

**Add Greenlanders to the list of peoples who traditionally don't punish their children. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**For me, growth begins immediately after I am able to admit my mistakes and forgive myself. *(Kimberly Kirberger)***

**We can always hear easiest in the peace of forgiveness. *(Ray Trauffer)***

**Jesus did not have to forgive because he never condemned. Man doesn’t have to be forgiven because he has not been condemned. *(Dr. Jack Holland)***

**Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom. *(Hannah Ardndt, philosopher)***

**One of the secrets of a long and fruitful life is to forgive everybody everything every night before you go to bed. *(Ann Landers, in Since You Ask Me)***

**Forgiveness is continuously letting go of blame and judgment. It is letting go of past hurt, disappointment and resentment. *(Dr. Libby Adams)***

**What power has love but forgiveness? *(William Carlos Williams)***

**The root meaning of forgiveness in Aramaic is to cancel, untie, or let loose. *(Michael Ryce, in New Thought magazine)***

**Forgiveness means giving up the right to get even. *(John Ortberg, author)***

**Forgiving heals your memory as you change your memory’s vision. *(Lewis B. Smedes)***

**Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads. *(Country Extra magazine)***

**The motto should not be “forgive one another,” rather, “understand one another.” *(Emma Goldman)***

**Swiss newspapers don’t print names of first offenders. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Forgiveness is the oil of relationships. *(Josh McDowell)***

**Peace goes through a difficult territory called Trust and Forgiveness. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Pray for me as I need your help. For until I can experience total forgiveness I cannot share unconditional love. *(Ray Trauffer)***

**Sometimes the worst possible punishment is to be completely forgiven. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Many reconciliations have broken down because both parties have come prepared to forgive and unprepared to be forgiven. *(Charles Williams)***

**When a deep injury is done us, we never recover until we forgive. *(Alan Paton)***

**There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness. *(Bob Phillips, in Heavenly Humor, p. 88)***

**If most of us could see ourselves as others see us, we'd probably never forgive them. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Forgiveness is almost a selfish act because of its immense benefits to the one who forgives. *(Lawana Blackwell)***

**Forgiveness is not something you do for someone else, it is something you do for yourself. *(Erwin Lutzer))***

**Never does a man stand so tall as when he foregoes revenge, and dares to forgive an injury. *(J. Harold Smith)***

**Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it forgoes revenge and dares to forgive an injury. *(E. H. Chapin, Christian preacher, 19th century)***

**To understand is to forgive. *(French proverb)***

**What were the last words of traitor Benedict Arnold? “Let me die in my old uniform. God forgive me for ever putting on another.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**I have to forgive the world -- it probably doesn't even realize how much it upsets me. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

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