



Quotes on Forgiveness

"Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it."
Mark Twain

"Always forgive your enemies — nothing annoys them so much."
Oscar Wilde

"It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend."
William Blake

"He who is devoid of the power to forgive, is devoid of the power to love."
Martin Luther King Jr.

"The rule is: we cannot really forgive ourselves unless we look at the failure in our past and call it by its right name."
Lewis B. Smedes - Forgive & Forget: Healing the Hurts

We Don't Deserve "We forgive freely or we do not really forgive at all."
Lewis B. Smedes - Forgive & Forget: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve

"Gandhi was right: if we all live by an eye for an eye' the whole world will be blind. The only way out is forgiveness."
Sidney and Suzanne Simon - Forgiveness: How To Make Peace With Your Past And Get On With Your Life"

"God invented forgiving as a remedy for a past that not even he could change and not even he could forget. His way of forgiving is the model for our forgiving."
Lewis B. Smedes - The Art of Forgiving: When You Need To Forgive And Don't Know How

"Forgiving does not erase the bitter past. A healed memory is not a deleted memory. Instead, forgiving what we cannot forget creates a new way to remember. We change the memory of our past into a hope for our future."
Beverly Flanigan - Forgiving The Unforgivable: Overcoming the Legacy of Intimate Wounds

"Vengeance is having a videotape planted in your soul that cannot be turned off. It plays the painful scene over and over again inside your mind...And each time it plays you feel the clap of pain again...Forgiving turns off the videotape of pained memory Forgiving sets you free."
Lewis Smedes - Forgiveness: The Power To Change The Past (article, Christianity Today, January 7, 1983)

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."
Philip Yancey - The Unnatural Act (article, Christianity Today, April 8, 1991)