

"A Heart That Forgives" by Kevin Levar

*I want a heart that forgives, A heart full of love
One with compassion just like Yours above
One that overcomes evil with goodness and love
Like it never happened, never holding a grudge
I want a heart that forgives that lives and lets live
One that keeps loving over and over again
One that men can't offend; Because Your Word is within
One that loves without price, like You Lord Jesus Christ
I want a heart that loves everybody....even my enemies
I want to love like You, be like You, just like You did
I want a heart that forgives!
When the ones that are closest, that I've known the longest, hurt me the most;
I still wanna love them just like You love me; Even though I'm hurting
I want a heart that forgives!
When the pain is so deep, it's so hard to speak, about it to anyone
Just like Your Son, I give up my right to hold it against them with hatred inside
I want a heart that loves everybody....even my enemies
Wanna walk like You, talk like You, just like You did,
Wanna be like You, live like You, just like You did
'Cause the heart that forgives is the heart that will live
Totally free from the pain of the past
And the heart that lets go is the heart that will know so much freedom
Lord I wanna let it go, God I need to let it go, Lord its been holding me back
I don't know exactly what to do to get rid of it, but Here I am Lord Jesus
Lord I need You, I need You, I know this is me that You're talking to
Lord I let it go, every person that's ever hurt me - God I let it go
Every single hurt, God I let it go, Every single pain, God I let it go...
'Cause I don't want it no.....more*

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Sol·dier (sōl'jər)-noun:

a skilled and experienced worker who is dedicated to a cause

Trained (trān)-verb:

taught; disciplined; given specialized instructions to improve

Re·spon·sive (rī-spōn'siv)-adjective:

reacting quickly, strongly or favorably

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*Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins...since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. **1 John 4:7-11** (NLT)*



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“A Heart That Forgives”

The word “forgive” means to cease from blame or hold resentment against someone or something. There will be times in your life when someone may say something or do something to you that will hurt or offend you. During those moments you have to make a decision as to whether you will hold on to the hurt and the offence and be bound by it or whether you will forgive those who hurt or offend you and experience freedom in doing so. From a human perspective, more often than not the initial thought is to seek revenge and retaliation toward the person that was hurtful or offensive.

Have you ever been hurt or betrayed by a family member or friend? _____

How did it make you feel? _____

We must not be so quick to seek revenge when someone has done wrong to us in some way. Rather, we must be patient and understand that all of us have faults and weaknesses. We should be ready to forgive when the opportunity arises. God’s Word states *“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others”* (Colossians 3:13 NLT). If we want God to forgive us when we do something wrong then we must learn to forgive each other. Jesus said *“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins”* (Matthew 6:14-15 NLT). Jesus provided us with an example of how to have a heart that forgives. When He forgave a paralyzed man of his sins and when He forgave those who were responsible for His crucifixion. We may not find it easy to forgive a person that has hurt us or offended us. Likewise, we must learn to forgive ourselves when we hurt and betray others. That’s why we must ask Jesus to give us a heart like His – A Heart that Forgives so we can be free and God can be please.

How can you forgive yourself for the wrong that you have done? _____

How will you demonstrate forgiveness towards others? _____

“A Heart for God”

Name: Christina McClearn Age: 4 years old



Q. Do you know what it means to serve God?

If so, how can you serve God?

A. Yes, I listen and do the right thing. I tell people I love them and be nice to them. I praise the Lord by clapping my hands, singing my favorite songs and looking out for my little brother.

Q. How much do you love God?

A. A bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck -sooo much.

Q. Do you know how much God loves you? How does it make you feel?

A. Yes, a whole lot; it makes me feel super-duper happy.

Q. How can you share God's love with your family and friends?

A. Showing them how to act and tell them it’s good to be nice and not mean. God lives in my heart, and God is love. I pray for people when they are hurt.

“A Forgiving Heart”

by Kadesjah Howell Age: 18 years old

Forgiveness of the heart is a cleansing of the soul. I am not saying that I think we should ignore, excuse, overlook or close our eyes to the sin done to us by another person. However, we must let go of all the anger, disappointment and disgust that they have shown or done to us. We can’t be cold-hearted to those who have been cold-hearted to us. It is not letting things “roll off our back” or agreeing to make a “fresh start” without confronting the problem. But to love one another without judgment of their past wrong doings towards us but treat to them with love, care and respect. *“For if you forgive them your heavenly father will also forgive you.”*(Matthew 6:11-15)

