Forbearance

A Biblical Key to Practical Love

Essential Ingredients

- Faith
- **■** Humility
- Love
- Discipline of Thought

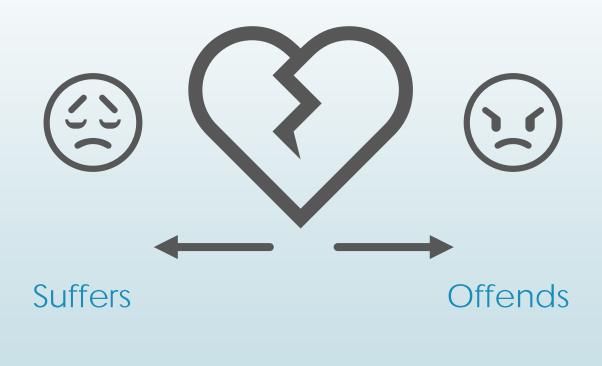
Definition

- Hb. hādal "refrain, be silent"
 - "long of (concerning) anger" "slow to anger" (Jer 15:15)
- Gr. anechomai (Eph 4:2; Col 3:13); 14x
 - "bear with, endure" "suffer"; "has a more positive meaning of Christian love in action"
 - in the sense of bearing or carrying, supporting
- Gr. anochē "a holding back" as in "a holding back of justice"

Related and Predicate Virtues

- Compassion [affectionate + compassion] (Colossians 3:12)
- Kindness [as a gracious attitude goodness, beneficial] (Colossians 3:12)
- Humility [unselfishness, self-effacement]
 (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12)
- Meekness [gentleness, lowliness of mind, considerateness]
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- Longsuffering [able to bear up under provocation] (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12)

Principle #1 Sin Separates



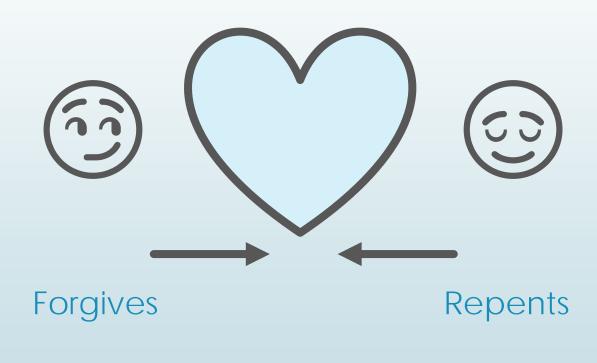
Principle #2 Reconciliation Requires Forgiveness



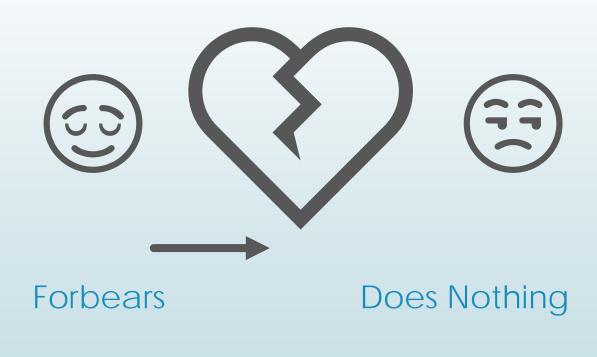
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Principle #3 Forgiveness Takes Two



Principle #4 Forbear In The Meantime



Principle #4 Forbear Until There Can Be Forgiveness

