

**Understanding Forgiveness**  
**Proverbs 19:11**  
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**BIBLICAL FORGIVENESS IS NOT...**

- *Apologizing*
- *Accepting another's sin*
- *Amnesia*

**BIBLICAL FORGIVENESS IS...**

- A deliberate decision
- 4 Promises
  - *I will not dwell on this incident.*
  - *"I will not bring up this incident again and use it against you."*
  - *"I will not talk to others about this incident."*
  - *"I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our personal relationship."*
- A costly decision

**THE BLESSINGS OF FORGIVENESS**

- *It reminds us of how we have received forgiveness.*
- *It delivers us from God's discipline. (Heb 12:6)*
- *Forgiveness averts Satan's agenda (2 Cor 2:10-11)*
- *Extending forgiveness allows us to enjoy forgiveness for ourselves. (Matt 6:15)*