

UNFORGIVENESS

Unforgiveness is a significant problem in the body of Christ because it is divisive and destroys the covenant unity that the Holy Spirit wants to function through. It is deadly and can severely limit the one who harbors it. First of all, it sets the person against God – the person we are against in our heart is a friend of God (in covenant), and all who become his enemy also oppose God. Therefore, we are not forgiven ourselves!

Matthew 6:15

“But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions”

Matthew 25:40

“And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, {even} the least {of them,} you did it to Me.'”

Unforgiveness opens the door for the devil to disrupt and bring destruction in one's life, especially if he takes the Lord's Supper in that condition.

Matthew 18:34-35

“And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”

1 Corinthians 11:29-30

“For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.”

Besides the ramifications listed above, the person's prayer life and the ability to walk in God's power is limited.

Mark 11:23-26

“Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be {granted} him.

Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be {granted} you.

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.

["But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."]"