

*My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.” Matthew 18:35 (NAS)*

## How do I extend grace to others?

**G**\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all. <sup>16</sup> But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen. I Timothy 1:14-17 (NLT)*

**R**\_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

*For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.  
I Peter 2:21 (NLT) see also: I Peter 4:8-12; Matthew 6:12*

**A**\_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

*Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)*

**C**\_\_\_\_\_ myself in \_\_\_\_\_.

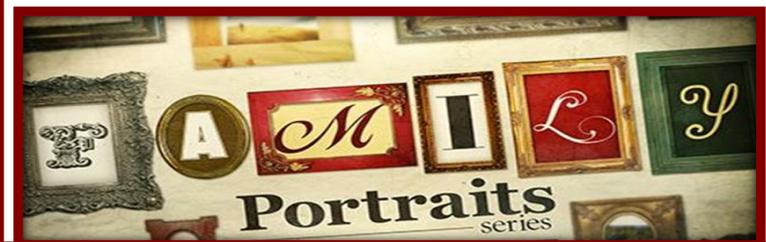
*Colossians 3:1-4;12-17; Ephesians 4:20-24;30-32*

**E**\_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

*But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” James 4:6 (NIV)*

*Forgive as the Lord forgave you....  
Colossians 3:13b (NIV)*

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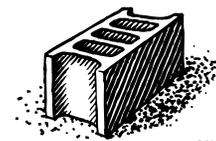
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Colossians 3:12-17*

*Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)*

*Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.  
Genesis 2:25 (NIV)*

*They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8 (NAS)*

## Walls that hinder relationship:



1. \_\_\_\_\_

*At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. <sup>8</sup> When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. Genesis 3:7,8 (NLT)*

## FEAR:

**Exposing our** \_\_\_\_\_.

*He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.” Genesis 3:10 (NLT)*



2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”  
 Genesis 3:12,13 (NLT)

**FEAR:**

**Admitting our \_\_\_\_\_.**



3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you. Genesis 3:16b (NLT)

**FEAR:**

**Losing our \_\_\_\_\_.**

*The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. Genesis 3:21 (NIV)*

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.<sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.<sup>20</sup> So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”<sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.  
 II Corinthians 5:18-21 (NLT)

...with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.<sup>13</sup> You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.<sup>14</sup> He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.<sup>15</sup> In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.  
 Colossians 3:12b-15 (NLT)

For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.<sup>15</sup> He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups.<sup>16</sup> Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.<sup>17</sup> He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near.<sup>18</sup> Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.  
 Ephesians 2:14-18 (NLT)

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.<sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.<sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.  
 Galatians 5:24-26 (NLT)



**For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. Matthew 18:23 (NAS)**

A servant owed master – 10,000 talents  
 (a talent was worth more than 15 years of wages)  
 When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.<sup>25</sup> But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.<sup>26</sup> So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.’<sup>27</sup> And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.  
 Matthew 18:24-27 (NAS)

A servant owed this servant – 100 denarii  
 (a denarii was equal to about a one day’s wage)  
 But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay back what you owe.’<sup>29</sup> So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you.’<sup>30</sup> But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.  
 Matthew 18:28-30 (NAS)

Then summoning him, his lord \*said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.’<sup>33</sup> Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?’<sup>34</sup> And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.  
 Matthew 18:32-24 (NAS)