

Struggling with receiving and giving forgiveness:

1. How do I handle my sin once I've owned it?
2. How do I forgive others when they don't deserve it?
3. How do I keep from judging others and accepting them?
4. How can I live with victory over my flesh?

John 10:10 - "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

1 Corinthians 15:57 - "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

1 John 5:4 - "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

Luke 10:19 - "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you."

1 John 4:4 - "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

Hypocritical (holding others to a higher standard than for yourself)

Criticism (destructive fault finding, and analyzing someone's bad qualities)

We often judge others by their **actions**, while expecting them to judge us by our **motives**. Try reversing that!

Luke 6:37: "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven". Matt 7:3 "Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but notice not the log in your own eye?"