

## **Giving + Forgiving x Thanksgiving = Contented Living**

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*But just as you excel in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*  
2 Corinthians 8:7

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*  
Ephesians 4:31-32

### **Give The Gift of Forgiveness in 5 Steps:**

- 1. Forgiveness is a decision that you make, not something that just happens.***
- 2. Make the decision that someone doesn't "owe you" anymore.***

*The only thing worse than unforgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness.*  
*Partial means not total, \_\_\_\_\_, biased.*  
*Forgiveness really doesn't make any sense, unless you are a \_\_\_\_\_ person.*
- 3. Identify the people you are \_\_\_\_\_ with.***
- 4. Determine what they \_\_\_\_\_ you.***
- 5. Cancel the debt.***

*When you forgive you set a prisoner free, and that prisoner is usually yourself.*  
Louis Smedes

*Those who are forgiven much, love much.*  
Jesus

*Restore The Standard - forgiveness restores the standard of holiness in us & through us.*

**Christmas List:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Thanksgiving***

*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 3:17

*My colleagues & I are finding that gratitude, which we define as a felt sense of wonder, thankfulness, & appreciation for life, is more than simply a pleasant emotion to experience or a polite sentiment to express. It is, or at least can be, a basic disposition, one that seems to make lives happier, healthier, more fulfilling, and even longer.*  
Robert Emmons