

Forgiveness

Comprehension Questions

1. Enumerate instances in which we do not normally forgive people even though we should forgive them at such instances:

Input

- i. when we punish a person for an accidental mistake
- ii. when we punish a person for a small mistake
- iii. when we punish a person for a mistake committed under compulsion
- iv. when we punish a person even when he has made amends and is genuinely sorry
- v. when we punish a person for a mistake done in ignorance
- vi. when we punish a person even after we have avenged our harm
- vii. when we punish a person for a mistake done in forgetfulness
- viii. when we punish a person who confesses his mistake before it comes to our notice
- ix. when we punish a person who repeatedly does wrong and repeatedly says sorry
- x. we must bear in mind that a wrong can be wrong in our opinion but not in that of another person

2. Suggest practical ways to make us more forgiving

Input

- i. we expect forgiveness and mercy from others when we make a mistake
- ii. we expect forgiveness and mercy from God when we make a mistake
- iii. we should look at our own faults
- iv. we should become demandless
- v. we should take it as a situation in which one grows in patience
- vi. we should read stories of forgiveness

3. How can we forgive people and at the same time correct their mistakes.

Input

- i. we must choose the right moment to communicate the hurt

- ii. if we have a list of faults of a person that need to be corrected, at times, pointing out the major ones is enough. If the person corrects these, there is a great chance that the minor ones will also be corrected by him.
- iii. we must remember that each one of us also needs forgiveness
- iv. we can remain a little reserved / silent
- v. we may write an email / letter
- vi. we can avoid eye contact to show our silent protest

4. When can we be unforgiving?

Input

- i. when we want to reform a person
- ii. when we want to show resentment
- iii. when the person is persistently behaving badly
- iv. when a person does not even feel sorry nor makes amends
- v. when a person does not realize his mistake because of arrogance
- vi. when a person has inflicted great harm on us
- vii. when a person shows repeated indifference and carelessness

Quiz Marking Scheme

How Forgiving are you?

- 1.
 - i. (10)
 - ii. (8)
 - iii. (2)
 - iv. (0)
- 2.
 - i. (-5)
 - ii. (0)
 - iii. (2)
 - iv. (10)
- 3.
 - i. (10)
 - ii. (8)
 - iii. (2)
 - iv. (0)
- 4.
 - i. (0)

- ii. (0)
 - iii. (2)
 - iv. (10)
- 5.
- i. (10)
 - ii. (0)
 - iii. (2)
- 6.
- i. (0)
 - ii. (2)
 - iii. (8)
 - iv. (10)
- 7.
- i. (0)
 - ii. (2)
 - iii. (8)
 - iv. (10)
- 8.
- i. (0)
 - ii. (0)
 - iii. (2)
 - iv. (10)
- 9.
- i. (0)
 - ii. (0)
 - iii. (2)
 - iv. (10)
- 10.
- i. (0)
 - ii. (0)
 - iii. (0)
 - iv. (0)
 - v. (10)

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