

MAINTAINING OUR WALK IN LOVE

I. Three things we must do

- A. Learn to do whatever is necessary to stop offending 6-14
- B. Learn how to speak the truth in love when offenses occur 15-20
- C. Learn to forgive when people do offend 21-35

II. Forgiveness is an act of love

- A. Matthew 18 – Only a great act of love can handle such forgiveness
 - 1. Not just for the offender but for the person they hurt
 - 2. It takes the anger, aggression, & emotional charge out of the hurt
 - 3. It blockades the tormentors
 - 4. Positions you receive God's forgiveness
- B. Heb. 12:15; James 3:15, 16; Eph. 4:31, 32
 - 1. Not releasing those who hurt us hurts us
 - 2. A root of bitterness troubles & annoys us; defiles others