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What do the following statements about forgiveness have in common? Forgiveness is obtained through apologizing. The best thing you can do is "forgive and forget". You aren't forgiven until you feel forgiven. In this book, Dr. Jay Adams carefully explores all dimensions of the process of forgiveness. A He can help you understand biblical forgiveness from beginning to end and apply that understanding to everyday situations ranging from forgiving your straying spouse or prodigal child - and being forgiven by them as well.

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Douglas Wilson says

Just great.

Diane Anderson says

Clear biblical truth about forgiveness you never knew you didn't know until you read it!! I never thought about forgiveness as a big deal, but it is a HUGE deal to Jesus!!!!!!! I fell for the world's way of doing things and have been really challenged with these new insights into wrong beliefs and truth!

Bethany (Silent Storm) says

Excellent, excellent, excellent book. 100 percent recommend

Ian Rees says

Jay Adams is usually challenging and this is no exception. Not sure I agree with him on the difficult question of whether Christians should forgive when forgiveness is not sought or there is no repentance. It appears he is saying that we do not need to, because he thinks forgiveness is conditional, but then he fails to say how we should deal personally with people who do not repent, or how he explains what to do with bitterness. But a comprehensive read that covers a lot of ground nevertheless.

Erika Schanzenbach says

Worth the read. The first 5-6 chapters cover some often neglected biblical ground that is tremendously useful. Adams considers what forgiveness is and how it works in the life of Christians. He draws heavily on scripture for his understanding. The early chapters are very helpful for gaining better understanding of what our duties are in this area of Christian life. In the later chapters he makes some applications of the ideas he's discussed early on that appear simplistic at best, and biblically ill-informed at worst. He seems inconsistent about the application of biblical law to modern Christian life. At times he draws heavily on Old Testament law for application today, and other times he completely ignores it. He is solid on much that he says, but is inconsistent in this area which, I think, occasionally causes him to make some wacky applications.

Tirzah says

There is a time in all our lives when we must forgive and in turn, be forgiven. Either one is not always a simple process. Author Jay E. Adams puts the forgiving process into a thorough but simple perspective with Biblical references we can apply to our everyday life. I think this is a must-read for every Christian.

Felipe says

Excelente e esclarecedor ensino sobre o perdão bíblico.

Jennie says

Interesting and challenging book on the true nature of biblical forgiveness. Reveals the superficiality with which many Christians "forgive" and gives instruction on the different between worldly apology and the restorative act of biblical forgiveness.

Ryan Handermann says

Read this for leadership training. Some good points, some bad - I wish there was a more solid treatment on this very important and practical subject for the Christian life.

The good:

Forgiveness not only cancels debt and pardons guilt, but also is a promise never to bring this up again with the offender. Once you have offered forgiveness, you have removed the strain in the relationship, so you cannot bring up that strain again (except for pedagogical purposes).

Forgiveness does not cancel consequences, but these are actually a privilege to be born. A teenager who wrecks his dad's car might be forgiven, but he still has to pay for it. This was probably one of the more helpful points.

Saying "I am sorry" misses two vital points. On the one hand, it fails to take responsibility for the wrong done. And it also fails to admit the specific wrong. This is very helpful, especially in dealing with ourselves and our kids. We need to fully own up to what we did and say it out loud.

The bad:

In general, it is simply not very organized. His definition of forgiveness is obscured because most of the time he uses only a partial definition "promise to never bring it up" and usually omits the other two factors.

He explains away Mark 11:25, and argues that forgiveness cannot be granted unless someone has asked us - contrary to Jesus' command that when we pray, if we recall that someone has offended us, we should forgive them right there.

Chapter 12, on forgiveness and divorce is particularly problematic as he fails to apply the distinction between forgiveness and consequences in this particular example, and instead argues that a woman has no right to divorce her husband who commits adultery since she has forgiven him.

Endelea says

This book is being read at my church, in a our women's fellowship, Jay Adams biblically answers lots of common questions such as: 1) is forgiveness unconditional, 2) can you forgive a dead person and so forth. I think this book is great for someone who really wants to grow in the Lord because there are so many practical applications that many of us miss.

Excellent work, truly God and bible centered too. Plus many moments of humor, not at all boring or too cerebral, entertaining at times and informative all the times.

Rachel says

Very good explanation of the key texts and concepts about forgiveness.

Rafael Sales says

Excelente livro sobre o assunto... A autor aborda diversas questões referentes ao perdão, seu significado e a prática... Senti falta de uma abordagem sobre o perdão em pecados corriqueiros...

Brad Belschner says

Jay Adams is a biblicist and has an oddly constrained definition of forgiveness which he believes he derived from scripture, though he runs in to all sorts of weird complications when he tries to apply that definition consistently. Overall, not really worth reading. The valuable takeaways can be summarized in two sentences: (a) expressing 'sorry feelings' about an event is not necessarily the same thing as an admission of guilt, nor is it necessarily a request for forgiveness, and (b) truly forgiving somebody for an offense should usually involve *not bringing it up again*, at least not in the sense of holding it against them.

Alan Alexandrino says

Que livro extraordinário! A igreja possui diversos posicionamentos equivocados a respeito do perdão. Nessa obra o Dr. Jay E. Adams destrói cada um dos equívocos.

Henry says

Jay Adams here provides an excellent in-depth study of a subject that is given the greatest importance in the New Testament, but is not preached on all that often. It is a book worth reading and pondering.

