

Experiencing New Vision
Five at 55
Luke 11:2-4

I woke up at 1:00 am and realized that I was on the 'launching pad' to 55. I am not afraid. I actually think that it is great.

If we could go back in time and have a younger, different body, but have the same brain we would all more than likely say yes! But alas, we can't do that, so the great thing about 55 is wisdom. We might not be as strong as we were when we were 21, but we are hopefully a whole lot smarter.

Life is like cereal; we change with the times. We move from what we love to what is good for us.

Today we begin a five part series dealing with the five most important things I have learned at 55 . . .

#1 The Freedom of Forgiveness

I. Forgive _____, _____ for _____.

A. Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a _____.

1. Everybody has been treated _____.
2. Get mad, and then get _____ it.
3. _____ begins with a refusal to forgive.

B. Forgiveness is as valuable to the one who _____ as to the one who is _____.

1. _____ people can't forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the _____.
2. Successful _____ forgive.
3. When somebody does you wrong, consider the _____, but keep your cool.

C. Forgiveness allows you to be free from the _____ of the past and reclaim your _____ for the future.

1. It is not an _____, it is a decision.
2. To forgive is to set a person free and discovering that the person being set free was _____.
3. Forgiveness opens the door to our receiving _____ forgiveness.

"When you carry a grudge against someone, they don't care; they're out dancing while you're stewing." – Buddy Hackett

Conclusion

1. At 55, we don't have enough _____ left for harboring resentment.
2. Forgiveness keeps _____ away.
3. Lack of forgiveness is the single most important factor to receiving God's _____.