Quotes from Dad's Writings on Forgiveness

1. Let's forgive one another, as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us!

2. If we forgive others their trespasses as we want to be forgiven, that means we forgive them their debts to us. If you sin against anybody you owe him something, you're a debtor.

3. I tell you, when you need a lot of forgiveness and you need a lot of mercy it sure helps you to extend it to others, amen?

4. Help us to be forgiving and patient and to have mercy as we want mercy, and to treat them in their errors as we want You to treat us in ours!

5. Your mercy is a sacrifice! To forgive someone is a sacrifice, to be sorry is a sacrifice.

6. I want to forgive you as you have forgiven me and as God has forgiven all of us.

7. How can we all help but forgive you when we all need forgiveness ourselves for our own many sins, shortcomings, failures and mistakes!

8. If people really love you and believe in you, they'll forgive you!

9. May God give you great love, patience and wisdom and also the mercy to forgive when necessary or advisable!--Or deserved because of great repentance and Godly sorrow!

10. You must forgive those who've wronged you, and seek forgiveness of those you have wronged, and take them by the hand back into your circle of love and fellowship in happy joyful labours and pleasures together, especially your own brothers and sisters and fathers and mothers and children and loving companions!

11. Help us to forgive others the way we ourselves want to be forgiven. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." (Lk.11:4.) May we pray that sincerely today, Lord, regarding these and all of those who offend and all of those who fail us and those who make mistakes.
    Lord, help us to forgive. Help us, Lord, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, in Jesus' precious name. Help us, Lord, to forgive them. Thank You Jesus! Praise You Lord! Hallelujah Lord! Amen, amen!

12. When you're travelling along in a car, how do you know when you're moving? You know you're moving because you're passing things! You know you're making progress because you're passing things. Maybe in your spiritual life the same is true, when you start letting it pass. You don't worry about it, you don't hold it against somebody for some idle remark or something foolish that they did, something they said, you don't get hypersensitive and all upset about it and hold it against them, you just let it pass, you forgive them. You're passing things.

13. To say you cannot forgive is to say you cannot have the love of God! You cannot love as God loves, because that's all God does all the time--forgive!
    The divine supernatural miraculous infinite marvelous love of god is love enough to forgive! If you don't have love enough to forgive, you don't have love--because forgiveness is love! Jesus Himself said following the Lord's Prayer: "If you cannot forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you your trespasses!" (Mt.6:15.)

14. I have a hard time bawling other people put for the same things I'm guilty of myself, and of which most of us are guilty, even worse, so about all I can do is give them hell for it momentarily, confess what a hell of a mess I made along the same line, weep a little, cry a little, sympathize a little, and take each other in each other's arms, forgive each other, and try again.
    "For if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father in heaven forgive you your trespasses"--And you've got plenty of them! Let's face it.

15. The twenty-third psalm and the lord's prayer have always been a great comfort to me also in time of need, to know that the Lord would never leave nor forsake me nor leave me comfortless. And I am always convicted by that part: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us", and where Jesus said we know that "If we forgive not others their trespasses, neither will our Father in Heaven forgive us."
    So we must ask him in all humility to help us have mercy on others, knowing that we ourselves must also be forgiven for many sins. Remembering continually what sinners we are and how many mistakes we've made helps

greatly to keep us humble and to avoid that spirit of self-righteous pride which causes us to criticise and condemn others.
It helps to always remember we're all sinners and that we all make mistakes and that we must "forgive one another even as God for Christ sake hath forgiven us".

16. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us!" If we're only going to be forgiven the way we forgive others and be shown the mercy that we show others, some people are going to be in a pretty bad fix, especially the churches and churchy Christians, who are almost the most unforgiving people I know of! Even the publicans and the sinners and drunks and the harlots are more understanding and more forgiving, because they know they're that way and they can't help it and they're more merciful, more forgiving because they'd like to be forgiven themselves! But some people are so self-righteous they think they never make a mistake! They're always right, so why should they ever have to be forgiven, why should they have to forgive others?
If you can't forgive, you cannot possibly have real love or real humility! You haven't got mercy, because love is forgiveness and mercy! Which kind of person are you!--The just, unforgiving, unloving, unbending, unmerciful proud self-righteous?--Or the merciful, loving, yielding, forgiving, humble, unrighteous sinner saved only by the grace of God!--The latter are going to Heaven, the former to Hell!--Jesus said so!--Which are you!

17. There are some things which were allowed by Moses' Law which are not allowed by the Law of Love given by Jesus! We are to love the Lord and love our neighbours as ourselves, and even this was not enforced under the Mosaic Law. But it was indicated that this was God's ideal through the laws which He gave, the Ten Commandments, etc., that you were not to hurt your neighbour or do anything to harm him or steal from him his cattle or his wife or whatever.
So the law of love in many ways is even more strict, we are to be even more kind and more forgiving. In the Mosaic Law there was virtually no forgiving and it was "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth!" But Jesus said, and this is all in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, 6 & 7, "Ye say that so-and-so, well what did the Law say?"--And He would then tell them how His Law of Love was even stricter.
He said, "you say an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but we should forgive our brother even if he offends us 70 times 7! If he still comes and is sorry and asks for forgiveness we're to forgive." (Mt.5:38,39; 18:22.) That's the Law of Love, which is even therefore more strict than the strict Law of Moses. It's a more loving law and a much fairer law and way of enforcement.

18. You older brothers and sisters may have a few lessons to learn along the lines of love and mercy and forgiveness and patience and tolerance and longsuffering, as well as loyalty and faithfulness and hard work and righteousness. Because let me tell you, that younger brother is here to stay, whether here or there or gone again! He is a part of God's Family forever! He is saved forever, and whether you will tolerate him or not, God will, and God will follow him up, even if you don't.
The good shepherd will follow him out into the hills, into the night and the storm and try to save him and try to save his life and his ministry, even if you undershepherds are not willing to leave the comfort and warmth and ease of that home and the luxury of that country and go out to a foreign field to try to find the lost sheep that was straying. The Lord left the 99 in the fold and went out on the mountainside in the storm to find the lost sheep, the stray one, so He proved His love for even the stray sheep, even one!
These backsliders are your stray sheep, they're the prodigal sons and God still loves them and you'd better love them too! You'd better get that through your thick skull that God's electrode of His Holy Spirit is forever embedded in their thick skull and they'll never be able to get away with it or doff that helmet of salvation, whether you forgive them or not!
So you'd better open your arms of love and humble forgiveness, and you'd better ask those younger brethren to forgive you for your impatience and your hardness of heart, your intolerance, your unloving critical spirit, and take them back in with wide open arms and ask them to forgive you for being so self-righteous and critical and hard of heart, unloving and impatient, which may have driven them out of that Home, out of the Father's house.

19. But we must be sure that it's in the right spirit with the meekness and the quietness of a tender and gentle and loving and contrite heart in all humility.--To be sure that we're in the right spirit as we correct those around us for their mistakes and their errors and their sins, even as God does us and as we would want others to do unto us for ours: Loving and forgiving one another for Christ's sake, even as He hath forgiven us for our sins. As Jesus taught us to pray, forgive us for our iniquities as we forgive others for theirs (Eph.4:32; Mt.6:12, 14, 15).

20. I like to sing the Lord's prayer because it makes it simpler, it says "forgive us our debts." In other words, we owe other people love, don't we? We owe them forgiveness, we owe them love, and if we don't give them love and preach them the Gospel, we'll have to be forgiven. "As we forgive our debtors." In other words, we should forgive others as they forgive us, right?

21. Help us to be more loving, more forgiving, more patient, more kind to each other, in Jesus' name we ask for Thy glory.

22. It's hard for you to see anything good in someone you don't love, but if your really love someone, it's much easier to overlook and forgive their faults.

1. Love Never Fails #0025:12
2. The Ultimate Religion! #0986:16
3. Lashes of Love! #0606:25
4. Prayer for Love and Mercy! #0075:18
5. Vespers!--Psalm 4:4-8 #2363:29
6. Proclaim Liberty! #0696:7
7. More from Esther #0952_17 (no paragraph numbers, next to last paragraph)
8. The TV Evangelists' Scandal! #2314:4
9. Dad's Guidelines for Teen Discipline #2066:39
10. Alice and the Magic Garden #0290:73
11. Lashes of Love! #0606:19, 20
12. Don't Worry About It! #1933:34
13. Infidelity! #0531:2, 3
14. Love Never Fails #0025:5, 6
15. Letter to a Labourer #0325:10-12
16. Infidelity! #0531:9-11
17. Backsliders Beware! #1045:57-59
18. The Helmet! #1058:53-57
19. The Meekness Dream #1250:42, 43
20. I Am a Stranger Here! #1533:48
21. I Was Sick -- And Ye Visited Me! #0698:72
22. Reading, Pinups, Mistakes & World Conquest! #0151:52