

# **The Basis For All Forgiveness: Sermon #9**

Sunday, September 29, 2019

## ***The Right Way to Ask for Forgiveness***

*Acts 24:16(NASB)*

*Psalm 133:1, Acts 24:16, I Timothy 1:18-19*

### **4 Practical Principles for How to Ask for Forgiveness from Others**

#### **I. Determine if You Really Need to Ask for Forgiveness**

*Matthew 5:23-24*

##### ***3 Questions to Ask Yourself Before You Confess a Sin to Somebody Who is Not Aware of your Sin***

1. Is restitution necessary and/or possible?
2. What are the chances that this will be discovered?
3. Will your confession help or hurt the other party?

*Ephesians 4:29*

#### **II. Schedule an Appointment to Meet the Offended Party**

*James 5:16, Matthew 5:24*

#### **III. Ask the Other Person for Forgiveness**

##### ***4 Effective Ways to Do That***

1. Refuse to blame others
2. Identity the wrong you have committed – be specific
3. Acknowledge the hurt you have caused the other person
4. Ask the other person to forgive you

#### **IV. Be Prepared for a Negative Response**

##### ***5 Various Reasons Some People Use to Not Forgive***

1. They sense you are not truly remorseful
2. They feel guilty themselves
3. The other person wants restitution
4. They fear repetition of the offense
5. They confuse forgiveness with reconciliation