- A child can begin to recognize that the person who has offended him has ______ of his own.
- We can make a commitment to ______ for someone who has offended us.

Conclusion:



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PROVERBS 15:13

¹³ A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

PROVERBS 17:22

²² A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

PROVERBS 25:28

²⁸ He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Introduction: _____

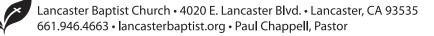


DEFINITIONS:

Spirit—A person's innermost being, similar to one's conscience. It's the area in which people can have fellowship with one another and enjoy each other's presence without a word being spoken.

Soul—Would include our mind, will, and emotions.

Body—Is, of course, our physical makeup.



MANIFESTATIONS OF A CLOSED SPIRIT:

- Arguing
- Refuse to do what he is told
- Refusing to like anything you like
- Withdrawn
- Not very responsive to affection

IF IT GETS WORSE AND HIS SPIRIT CLOSES FURTHER:

- Seek friends that you do not approve of
- Swearing
- Disrespectful language
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Sexual permissiveness

1 Become _____

PROVERBS 15:1

¹A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

- A. He is ______ and important.
- B. We do not want to see his spirit _____, we care about him.
- C. We know there is something ______.
- D. We are open to ______.

Increase _____



Quote: —"Seek first to understand, then to be understood."

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Recognize the _____

EPHESIANS 6:4

⁴ And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Attempt to _____

- A. He ______ to be touched.

Seek _____

REASONS WHY ONE MIGHT REFUSE TO FORGIVE:

- Perhaps the offense was ______ than we realized.
- Maybe we ______ things and the child didn't have time to think through what happened.
- Or perhaps the child might also want to see a real change in the parent's ______ first.

HOW CHILDREN OR ADULTS CAN REOPEN THEIR OWN SPIRITS:

MATTHEW 6:12, 14-15

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

¹⁴ For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Forgive—The word forgive comes from a Greek word meaning "to release" or "set free." It means to untie the chains that bind people.