

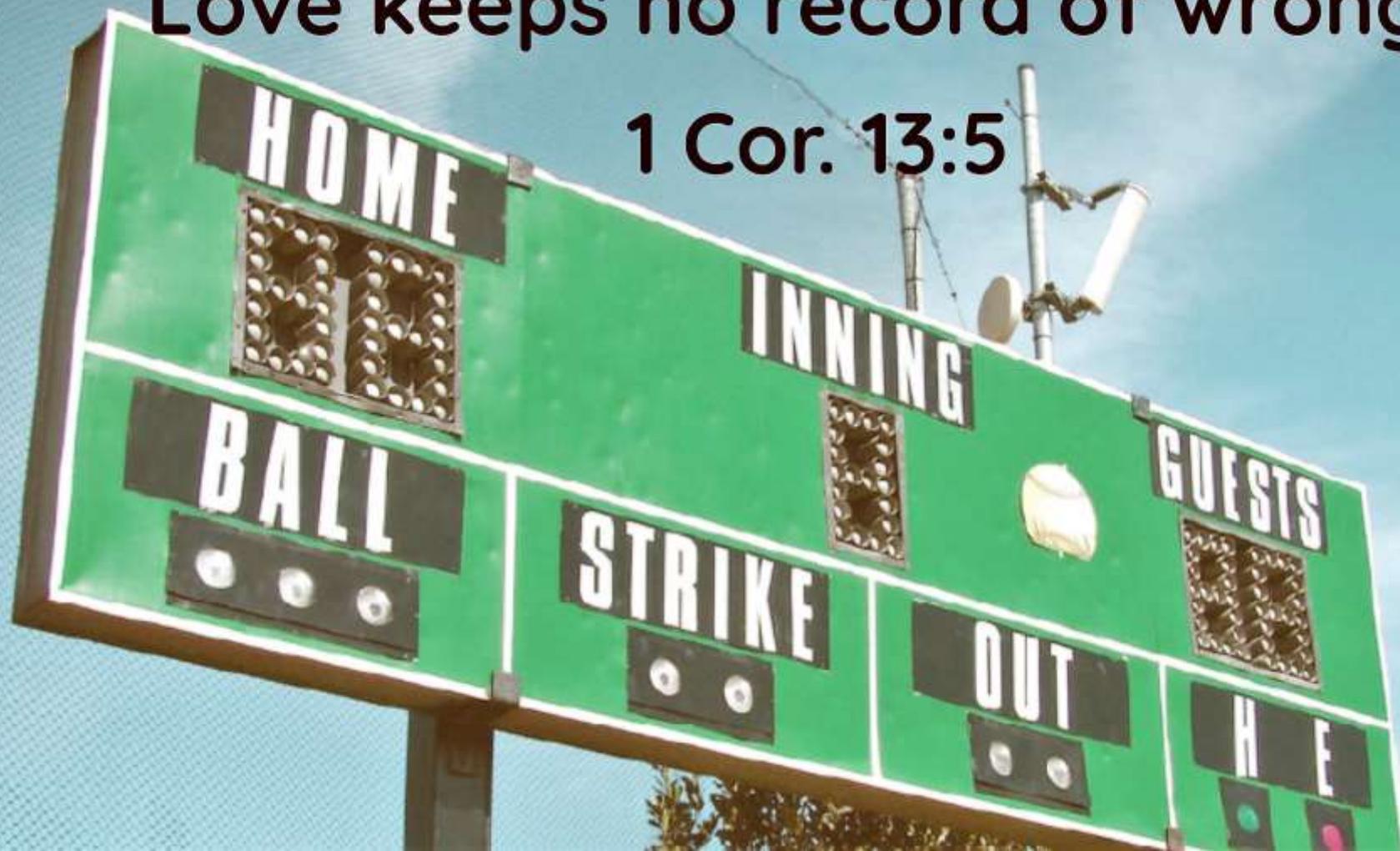
People with healthy brains have the ability to remember—a blessing to use for God's Glory.

Sometimes, it seems impossible to forget.

When wronged, we can hold on to a memory because we don't want to forgive.

Love keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Cor. 13:5



“Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs”

- Not Just a Mistake
- Not a slight Misstep
 - Injustice
 - Insults
 - Abuse
 - Evil !!!

When we keep a “record of wrongs,” evil wins twice! We multiply the harm that is done.

Seeking to Justify “Eye for an Eye”

- Some justify personal revenge, by quoting that the Bible says: “an eye for an eye.”
- The “eye for an eye” commandments in Leviticus 24:20 and Exodus 21:23-24 are instructions for judicial relief by a governmental entity on behalf of individuals.
- These passages do not allow personal revenge.
- The laws applied to Israelite and alien equally.

Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Jesus Is Pointing Us To The Godly
Quality of Gracious Forgiveness
That Comes From a Heart of Love.



Micah 7:18-19 (NLT2)

Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love. Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!

Psalm 103:10-12 (NLT2)

He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

Hebrews 10:11-17 (NIV)

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

Can An All-Knowing God Forget?

God's Foreknowledge and Omniscience seem to say there is no such thing as "Divine Knowledge **DELETE** Button."

The language of "*Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.*" in both Hebrew and Greek indicates that sins forgiven are debts covered. Our sin debts are no longer posted on our accounts, so to speak.

God Does Not Get Selective Amnesia

What Makes God's Forgiveness Such A Powerful Act Is The Undeniable And Unforgettable Reality of The Sinful Act Inflicted.

God has known our sins before the foundation of the world.
He knows and chooses not to keep a record.



God Doesn't Require Us To Have Spiritual Amnesia

“If We Could Forget, There Would Nothing In
Our Hearts To Forgive?”



The Key in Forgiveness is Love

- Love intends to bless.
- Evil intends to harm.
- Rehearsing the matter over and over will not help.
- A grudge hurts you more than the person you hold it against.
 - No amount of revenge will make things right.
 - Forgiveness is our Only Hope!
 - The Key to Forgiveness is Love!

File name: Wrongs suffered

- **That time she lied to me.**
- **He took credit for what I did.**
- **They invited everyone but us.**
- **She betrayed my confidence.**
- **He won't even speak to me.**

DELETE

***You will trample our sins under
your feet and throw them into
the depths of the ocean!***

Micah 7:19



Romans 12:9-10a, 14, 17-21 (NIV)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love... Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse... Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

“Forgiveness is an act of the will,
and the will can function regardless
of the temperature of the heart.”



Corrie Ten Boom

“Lord Jesus, I prayed, forgive me and help me to forgive him. I tried to smile; I struggled to raise my hand. I could not. I felt nothing, not the slightest spark of warmth or charity. And so again I breathed a silent prayer. Jesus, I prayed, I cannot forgive him. Give me Your forgiveness.”



“As I took his hand the most incredible thing happened. From my shoulder along my arm and through my hand a current seemed to pass from me to him, while into my heart sprang a love for this stranger that almost overwhelmed me. And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself.”



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Let's Pray This Prayer And Read This Scripture

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:9-15