

# 1 Corinthians 13:5b [Love] is not irritable, it is not resentful.



# NIV Love keeps no record of wrongs.



# 1) God is holy and just, therefore he takes sin seriously.



Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived, God cannot be mocked, what you reap is what you will sow.

### 2) We all have a file of sin.



Romans 3:23
All have sinned and fall short of God's glory.

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# 3) Our file of sin is bigger and more serious than we think.

Psalm 103:3

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?



# 4) Our good works and religious efforts cannot expunge our record.



Galatians 2:16-17 Yet we know that a person is not counted righteous by works of the law... by works of the law no one will be counted righteous.

### 5) Our file of sin condemns us.



Romans 6:23
The wages of sin is death.

6) God, in his love, has provided a way of expunging our permanent record of sin: Jesus Christ.



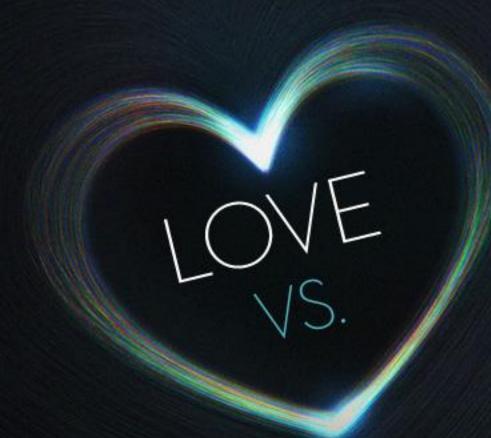
2 Corinthians 5:19 God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.



2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



7) A clean record and declaration of righteousness comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone.



Galatians 2:16 We know that a person is not counted righteous by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.



# Romans 4:8 Blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not count his sins.



Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave



# Are we keeping a record of wrongs against us?

## NOT "Forgive and Forget"



## LOVE VS.

## NOT "Sweep it under the carpet"

1 Peter 2:23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

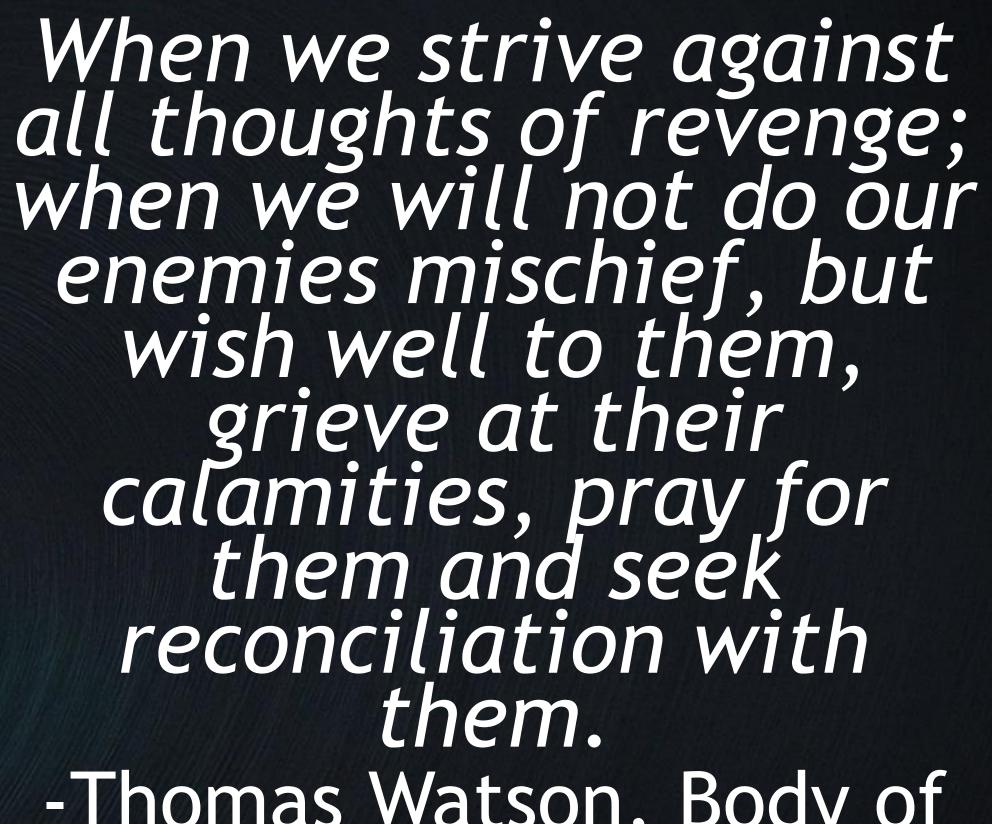


## NOT "Become a Doormat"



#### Two Resources: Boundaries Changes that Heal -Cloud and Townsend





-Thomas Watson, Body of Divinity



#### 1. Resist thoughts of revenge.

Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.



### 2. Don't seek to do them harm.



1 Thessalonians 5:15
See that no one repays another with evil for evil.

#### 3. Wish well to them.



Luke 6:28
Bless those who curse
you.

### 4. Grieve at their calamities.

Proverbs 24:17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles.



#### 5. Pray for them.

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.



### 6. Seek reconciliation when possible.



**Romans 12:18** 

If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

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