

A Marriage Minute™

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.



Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs

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--1 Corinthians 13:5

Do you sometimes feel like your spouse has a file cabinet hidden away somewhere with files filled with all the things you did wrong in all your years of marriage? Whenever you have an argument, or you do something wrong, out comes that list of offenses -half of which you already forgot? How will you ever live down the past? There's nothing you can do about it. You can change now, but if you mess up, out comes that list of past offenses. How could he or she remember them the way they do? It seems like they have them stored somewhere just waiting for you to mess up, doesn't it? Well, guess what -*they do!* These offenses are all recorded in the brain. If you could open up your spouses' head and look inside -yours too for that matter- you'll find a file cabinet in there with a bunch of folders, listed with each offense you committed since you first met. It is a record of wrongs. Whenever you mess up out comes the appropriate folder with a whole set of similar offenses to prove you're a serial offender. "You'll never change!" As long as that file cabinet exists you're sunk. Forget it. Guilty!

The only way we can really change is to burn up those files and throw out the file cabinet. Then there will be no record of wrongs to keep bringing us back when we want to move forward as a new creation. Love is burning the files and throwing out the file cabinet. Hold no record of wrongs.

Question for dialogue - Does it really seem like we have a file cabinet in our minds that provides us ammunition to accuse one another of our hurtful past?

Prayer for the both of us: Lord, Help us to burn up the old files and throw out the file cabinet in our minds. Help us to hold no record of wrongs against one another. Help us to walk in newness of life every morning.

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