

## The Mystical Key to Relationships – Tomer Devora

**First Attribute: TOLERATE other people's weaknesses**

**Second Attribute: GIVE others enough time to change**

### **Chapter 3 - And Forgives...transgression:**

This attribute is even greater than the preceding one, for when G-d forgives a sinner, He does not convey His pardon through an emissary. Rather, the Holy One Himself, Blessed Be He, grants the pardon, as it is written: "For with You is forgiveness ... I, (Tehillim 130-4). What is the nature of this forgiveness?

He washes away the sin, as it is written: "When G-d has washed away the filth of the daughters of Tziyon..." (Yeshayahu 4.4). Similarly, it is written: "And I will sprinkle purifying waters upon you..." (Yechezkel 36:25). This, then, is the quality of forgiveness of transgression - G-d sends purifying waters and washes away the sin.

A person should behave in exactly the same way. He should certainly not say, 'Why should I be the one to rectify so-and-so's sins or perversions?' For when man sins, the Holy One Himself, Blessed Be He, rectifies the perversion, not by way of an emissary, and He washes away the filth of a person's sins. From this, one can also understand that a person should be too ashamed to return to his sinful ways, for the King Himself cleanses the filth of his garments.

- Main point: **REACH OUT** to others who regret their mistakes, and help them remove the damage they created.