

## Steve St. Pierre's One Minute Confidence ("C") Tip

**The C Tip** is an insight that will inspire, educate and/or make us think about our lives differently. Give yourself a gift of the next minute to enjoy this message. (If you get something out of it...share it by forwarding to someone you care about.)

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*The Traveler's Gift: Seven Decisions that Determine Personal Success - The Sixth Decision (part 1)*<sup>i</sup>

When David Ponder gets to sit down and have a conversation with Abraham Lincoln, he asks Lincoln if they are winning the war. It is after Gettysburg, and Lincoln seems positive that the outcome will be bright. He then boldly asks Lincoln if he thinks God is on his side. Lincoln's response is that he is much more concerned with "whether we are on God's side."

Lincoln's lesson for David is that the key to happiness is having a forgiving spirit. Anger sucks the energy out of your life and steals focus from what's most important. Whomever or whatever has offended you gets all of your energy, instead of those you care about. Forgiveness is the "secret that is hidden in plain sight. It costs nothing and is worth millions." Even if people don't ask for forgiveness, give it. Lincoln's view is that "forgiveness is not a reward that must be earned; forgiveness is a gift to be given." When you forgive, you free yourself from the bondage of anger and allow yourself to happily pursue your future.

So who, exactly, are you supposed to forgive? You must start with yourself.

**Next week: We discuss the sixth decision for success: greet the day with a forgiving spirit.**

Quote:

"You will find that God rarely uses a person whose main concern is what others are thinking." - *The Traveler's Gift*

Confidently yours,

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