

An effective apology shows _____, models respect for others, and demonstrates a desire to learn.

An effective apology is not about the _____ that prompted it, but about the _____ that requires it.

Philippians 2:4-11 (MSG) Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. 5 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. 6 He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. 7 Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! 8 Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death - and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion. 9 Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, 10 so that all created beings in heaven and on earth - even those long ago dead and buried - will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, 11 and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

An apology shows we _____ responsibility for an offense or grievance and _____ remorse in a direct, personal manner, _____ restitution and promising not to do it again.

To the Offended:

1. An apology _____ dignity and honor.
2. An apology _____ the assurance of safety in the relationship.
3. An apology _____ for the offended that the rules and values that governed the relationship up to that point will continue as you both move forward.

To the Apologizer:

1. Apologizing keeps us aligned with _____.
2. Apologizing permits us to be _____.
3. Apologizing helps you develop a lasting sense of _____.
4. Apologizing allows you to be more _____.

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