

The Lord's Prayer Part 6

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12

"Then Peter came and said to Him, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?'" Matthew 18:21

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him." Matthew 18:23-24

"But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made." Matthew 18:25

"So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.'" Matthew 18:26

"And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt." Matthew 18:27

WHY MUST I LEARN TO FORGIVE?

1. Because God has forgiven _____.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

"But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.' So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.' But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed." Matthew 18:28-30

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

2. Because resentment makes me _____.

"Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?' And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him." Matthew 18:33-34

"One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and satisfied. While another dies with a bitter soul, not even tasting anything good." Job 21:23-25

Do I need to forgive anyone?

The Blame Test

The Bitterness Test

The Behavior Test

"For anger slays the foolish man, and jealousy kills the simple." Job 5:2

3. Because I'm going to need forgiveness _____.

"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive your brother from your heart." Matthew 18:35

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7

Two options for dealing with hurt:

_____ it or _____ it

"Put your heart right, reach out to God... then face the world again, firm and courageous. Then all your troubles will fade from your memory, like floods that are past and remembered no more." Job 11:13-16