

# WHY MUST YOU FORGIVE THEM?

LIFE STORIES – Part 12

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**Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)** “Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?’ <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but **seventy-seven times.**’ ”

## THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

**Matthew 18:23-25 (NIV)** “Therefore, the **kingdom of heaven is like a king** who wanted to **settle accounts** with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a **man who owed him ten thousand talents** was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since **he was not able to pay**, the **master ordered** that he and his wife and his children and **all that he had be sold to repay the debt.**”

**Matthew 18:26 (NIV)** “The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘**Be patient with me,**’ he begged, ‘**and I will pay back everything.**’ ”

**KINGDOM PRINCIPLE:** God \_\_\_\_\_  
you to forgive others like He forgave you!

YOU NEED TO LEARN TO FORGIVE BECAUSE...

Σ **GOD HAS FORGIVEN** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 18:27 (NIV)** “The servant’s master **took pity on him, canceled the debt** and let him go.”

**Matthew 18:28-30 (NIV)** “But when that **servant went out**, he found one of his **fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii**. He **grabbed him** and began to **choke him**. ‘**Pay back what you owe me!**’ he demanded. <sup>29</sup> His **fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him**, ‘**Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.**’ <sup>30</sup> But he **refused**. Instead, he went off and **had the man thrown into prison** until he could pay the debt.”

When you feel un-forgiven you tend to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)** “**Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**”

Σ **RESENTMENT MAKES YOU** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 18:31-34 (NIV)** “When the **other servants saw** what had happened, they **were greatly distressed** and went and **told their master everything** that had happened. <sup>32</sup> Then the master called the servant in. ‘**You wicked servant,**’ he said, ‘**I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.**’ <sup>33</sup> **Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant** just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup> In anger his master **turned him over to the jailers to be tortured**, until he should pay back all he owed.”

**Job 21:23&25 (TEV)** “**Some people stay healthy till the day they die.** <sup>25</sup> **Others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts.**”

\_\_\_\_\_ - what you've done to others.

\_\_\_\_\_ - what others have done to you.

Σ **YOU'LL NEED FORGIVENESS IN THE** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 18:35 (NIV)** “This is **how My heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.**”

**Matthew 5:7 (NIV)** “**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**”

**Matthew 6:14-15 (TEV)** “**If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you.** <sup>15</sup> **But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done.**”

**Romans 6:23 (NIV)** “**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW?

Do you need to forgive anyone?

The blame test

The bitterness test

The behavior test

You can either \_\_\_\_\_ your hurt or \_\_\_\_\_ it.