

James 5:9—“Don’t grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!”

Some of the greatest men in scripture showed ⁽¹⁸⁾_____ forgiveness to those who wanted to harm them:

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Genesis 50:19-20—“Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”
- ⁽²⁰⁾_____
II Samuel 16:11-12—“And David said to Abishai and all his servants, “See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now may this Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him. 12 It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day.”
- Jesus
- ⁽²¹⁾_____

Step #4: You won’t wait for them to ⁽²²⁾_____ ask you for forgiveness.

Romans 12:14: 17-18—“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse...¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

“Forgiveness reflects the highest human virtue, because it so clearly reflects the character of God. A person who forgives is a person who emulates godly character. Nothing so much demonstrates God’s love as His forgiveness. A person who does not forgive is therefore a person lacking in godly character and without Christlike love, no matter how orthodox his theology or how outwardly impeccable his morals appear to be. A Christian who will not relinquish a hateful, resentful attitude toward someone who has wronged him is a person who knows neither the true glory of his redeemed humanity nor the true glory of God’s gracious divinity. An unforgiving Christian is a living contradiction of His new nature in Christ. It is central to the heart of God to forgive, and only the Christian who radiates forgiveness radiates true godliness.” - MacArthur, 143.



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“Forgiveness: Learning how to Request and Accept God’s Forgiveness!”
A verse by verse study of David’s “Psalms of Confession”
Sunday Evening, February 14th, 2010
Message #7: “Giving to Others the Greatest Gift You’ve Ever Received— Forgiveness”
Psalm 143
Pastor Christian Newsome


TONIGHT: We look at the most ⁽¹⁾_____ spiritual area in regards to forgiveness.

David asks God to ⁽²⁾_____ him and to ⁽³⁾_____ him what he should do to receive forgiveness- v. 10-11
*Psalm 143:10-11—“Teach me to do Your will,
For You are my God;
Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.
¹¹ Revive me, O LORD, for Your name’s sake!
For Your righteousness’ sake bring my soul out of trouble.”*

IMPORTANT TEACHING: According to scripture there is only ⁽⁴⁾_____ thing that can keep us from receiving God’s forgiveness.

Forgiveness Kryptonite: A ⁽⁵⁾_____, an ⁽⁶⁾_____, or an ⁽⁷⁾_____ to forgive others.

- A Refusing Attitude – I will not forgive somebody.
- An Unwilling Attitude – They do not deserve, nor have they asked, for my forgiveness.
- An Unable Attitude – I would like to but I don’t think that I can.

*“Forgiveness is not natural to man. Because it is so foreign to fleshly human nature, people find it very difficult to forgive others. King Louis XII of France articulated the feeling of many people when he said, ‘Nothing smells so sweet as the dead body of your enemy.’ Yet nothing characterizes the new nature of Christians as forgiveness, because nothing so characterizes the nature of their Lord. Jesus’ most striking and humanly incomprehensible words from the cross were, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34).”* -John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Matthew 16-23* (Chicago: Moody, 1988), 142

(8) _____ taught the wise principle of forgiveness in the Proverbs.

Proverbs 19:11—“The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.”

“**discretion**” – [Hb. ‘sekel’] – Used 15 times in the O.T. – “knowledge, sense, prudence, understanding, wisdom.”

“**glory**” – [Hb. ‘tiphereth’] – Used 50 times in the O.T. – “beauty, bravery, honor, excellence.”

This was one of Jesus (9) _____ preaching themes:

Luke 6:37—“Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

Mark 11:24-26—“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. ²⁵ “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Matthew 6:9-15—“In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

¹⁴ “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

The only (10) _____ commentary on the Lord’s Prayer by the Lord himself was to make sure that his listeners understood they would have to forgive if they wanted to be forgiven.

Matthew 18:21-35—“Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’

³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

³⁵ “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

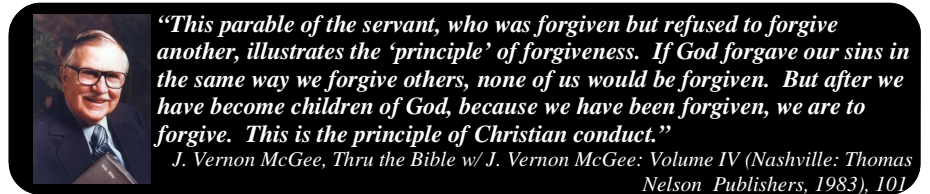
QUESTION: Are you able to gauge the (11) _____ of God’s forgiveness of you as you evaluate forgiving others?

• 10,000 talents = (12) _____.

• “**urias**” – The (13) _____ numerical term in the Greek language; from which we get the English term “myriad”. [SYNONYM: ‘countless’]

Ezra 9:6—“And I said: “O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.”

• 100 Denarii = (14) _____.



“How Can I Know If I’ve Forgiven Someone”

Step #1: You will (15) _____ them.

Step #2: You won’t (16) _____ negative feelings toward them.

[Gr.] “**aphiemi**” – To let go of; to send away.

Ephesians 4:32—“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Step #3: You’ll treat them as if it (17) _____ happened.

Colossians 3:1-2—“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

