

The Freedom of Forgiveness: Part 2

The Parables of Jesus

Mt. 18:21-35

3 Key Lessons on Forgiveness

- An unforgiving attitude imprisons and tortures us
- God's extravagant forgiveness of you should motivate you to forgive
- God's model of forgiveness should be your pattern of forgiveness (*Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13*)

Forgiving Others as God Forgives You: 7 Actions

- I. Give up your right to strike back and trust God to provide

_____ (*Rom. 12:17-19*)

2. Forgive, no matter how _____ is the offense (*18:24*)

3. Forgive without _____ (*18:21-22*)

4. Put the forgiven offense out of daily _____; not on display (*Ps. 103:12; Isa. 38:17; Mic. 7:19*)

5. Forgive, without keeping a _____ of past offenses (*Ps. 130:3-4; Isa. 43:25; 1 Cor. 13:5*)

6. Destroy the negative _____ toward the one who hurt you (*Ps. 30:5; Isa. 54:8; Jer. 3:12; Mic. 7:18-19*)

7. Be _____ toward the one who hurt you (*Neh. 9:16-19; Mt. 5:44*)

Applying the Parable to Life

- For the next 7 days, take one of the 7 Actions of Forgiveness listed and meditate on it that day. Remind yourself that this is how God has forgiven you when you confess and repent. Let that reality lead you to worship and gratitude.
- Is there someone you struggle to forgive as God has forgiven you? Which one of the 7 Actions is the hardest for you? God the Spirit is willing and able to help you with that. Pray to God about this, asking for the Spirit's help.