

CHOOSING FORGIVENESS

MATTHEW 18:21-35

1. Choose a _____ of forgiveness

Mathew 18:22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

2. Recognize _____ for forgiveness

Matthew 18:23-24 Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

3. Recognize that we can _____ God's forgiveness

Matthew 18:25 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.

4. Experience God _____

Matthew 18:26-27 At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

5. Receive God's _____ as a _____

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6. Forgiving is the _____ to forgiveness

Matthew 18:28-29 But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

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

7. The result of unforgiveness is _____

Matthew 18:32-35 Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.

Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

8. Allow God's _____ to define my _____

Matthew 18:33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

A. Choose to forgive even when _____

B. Forgive even when _____

Mark 11:25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

9. Ask _____ for help with forgiving

John 14:16-17a And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- --the Spirit of truth.