



“If you continue in My word, then are you My Disciples **InDeed...**”

Be A Forgiver!

Matthew 6:12, 14, 15 “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

In our last lesson we saw the importance of keeping our conscience clear through daily confession of our sins, and how God holds out rich promises of forgiveness to those who do so. This lesson brings to us the sobering reality that we must also forgive those who sin against us if we expect to keep that forgiveness which we have received. What does it mean to “forgive others”? How do I know if I’ve truly forgiven someone? Let’s see what the Bible says about those important questions.

In Matt 18:23-35 Jesus gives us a story about a king and two of his servants to help us to understand how forgiveness works in the Kingdom of God. Who does the ‘king’ represent in this story? _____ Who does the servant who owes the king 10,000 talents represent? _____ Who does the fellow servant who owes 100 pence represent? _____

The 10,000 talent debt was the equivalent to tens of thousands of years of a man’s wages, while the debt of 100 pence was equal to several month’s wages at that time. Why do you think Jesus chose such an impossibly large sum of money for the one man’s debt and such a relatively small amount for the others? _____

The man who owed the king thousands of years’ worth of wages asked the king to be patient and he would pay it all back to him. What does such a foolish promise reveal about this man’s perception of his debt? _____

How does a faulty perception of the magnitude of our own sins make it harder for us to forgive those who sin against us? _____

What is revealed about the king by the fact that he allowed the servant’s debt to get so large? _____

The king demonstrated his forgiveness for the 10,000 talent debt by loosing the man and canceling what he owed. How does this help us to answer the question, “How do I know if I’ve forgiven my offender?” _____

Is forgiveness a feeling, or a choice and action? _____

Who lost out more because of the first servant’s choice to throw his fellow servant into prison? _____

Who is the biggest loser when we refuse to forgive our offenders? _____

Who are the tormentors that we will be delivered to if we choose to not forgive our offenders? _____

Am I a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Do I purpose every day to forgive whoever may offend me that day?
2. Have I released those who have wronged me or do I still want to see them “pay” for what they did to me?
3. Do I see my sin as a 10,000 talent debt and those that others commit against me as a comparatively minor debt?



Doers of the Word

What am I going to do with God’s Word today?



Further Study: Lk 6:37, Rom 12:17-21, I Pe 3:8-9, Col 3:12-13, Eph 4:32

“...And you shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

