

Taking your Spirituality to the Next Level

FORGIVENESS

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is the Only Way to Experience Emotional Release & Healing

Matthew 18:21-30 Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" ²² "No!" Jesus replied, "seventy times seven!"

Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor

Principle 1:

Take an Account

Matthew 18:23, 24 ...a king decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴ ...one of his debtors owed him millions of dollars.

Principle 2:

A Debt Only Jesus Can Repay

Matthew 18:25 He couldn't pay...

Joel 2:25-26 (God speaking) "I will (restore) repay you for the years the locusts have eaten...²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed."

Principle 3:

Anger Must Be Released

Matthew 18:25 ...so his master ordered that he be sold – along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned – to pay the debt.

Principle 4:

Forgiveness Is Not Dependent on the Offender

Matthew 18:26 But the man fell down before his master and begged him, "Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful & just to forgive us & to cleanse us from every wrong.

Principle 5:

Forgiveness Requires Compassion

Matthew 18:27 Then his master was filled with pity for him...

Romans 2:1 When you say they are wicked & should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you do these very same things.

Principle 6:

Forgiveness Offers Emotional Release to the Forgiver

Matthew 18:27-28 The king released him and forgave his debt.²⁸ "But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanding instant payment."

Luke 23:34 Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.

Principle 7:

Forgiveness Is Not the Same as Reconciliation

Romans 12:17-18 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.¹⁸ Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible.

Romans 12:19 Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," Says God. "I'll take care of it."