

DEVOTED PRAYER

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

A Demand Of Prayer

Matthew 6:10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today the food we need,

12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Mark 11:24 I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.

25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

22 "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!

23 "Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him.

24 In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars.

25 He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

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

27 Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he 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 demanded instant payment.

29 "His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded.

30 But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

31 "When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened.

32 Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me.

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

34 Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

35 "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart."

What Forgiveness Is Not

It Isn't Conditional

It Isn't Minimizing The Seriousness Of The Offense

It Isn't Automatically Resuming A Relationship

It Isn't Forgetting What Happened

It Isn't My Right When I Wasn't The One Who Was Hurt

Why Must I Learn To Forgive

Because Of What Has Been _____ Me

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Romans 8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

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Colossians 1:13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,
14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Because Of What _____ At Me

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Four Tests For Forgiveness

The _____ Test

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Job 5:2 Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.

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Because Of What I Am _____ To Need

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Matthew 6:12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

Matthew 5:7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

When You Get Hurt You Only Have Two Options In Life

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Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

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