



**FORGIVE**

**Father, forgive  
them; for they  
know not what  
they do.**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

To **forgive** someone does not just mean to say it in words, but to mean it in your heart and DO IT!

To **forgive** in the Greek means the following:

863 *aphiemi* (af-ee'-ay-mee);

To **forgive**, lay aside, let go, put away, remit, yield up.

This means that once we **forgive** someone, we need to lay aside, let go, put away, remit and yield up the matter, and then we must **forget** it!

When a person **trespasses** against you, whether it is your children, a friend, a family member, an associate, etc., it is OK to rebuke them.

However, once they **repent**, you 'must' **forgive** them! It doesn't matter how many times they **trespass**, if they **repent**, you 'must' **forgive** them!

## **Luke 17:3-4**

3 Take heed to yourselves: **If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.**

4 **And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.**

To **trespass** in the Greek means:

3900 *paraptoma* (par-ap'-to-mah); A side-slip, unintentional error, willful transgression, a fall, fault, offence, sin, or trespass.

To **repent** in the Greek means:

3340 *metanoeo* (met-an-o-eh'-o); To think differently afterwards, to reconsider morally, to feel compunction, to repent.

Actually, you need to **forgive** people their **trespasses** whether they **repent** or not. Jesus said:

## **Matt 5:44 Luke 6:27-28**

44 **But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you;**

If you **forgive** people their **trespasses**, then God will **forgive** you your **trespasses**. If you do not **forgive** people their **trespasses**, then God will not **forgive** you your **trespasses** against Him!

## **Matt 6:14-15**

14 **For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:**

15 **But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

## **Mark 11:25-26**

25 **And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**

26 **But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.**

## **Luke 6:37**

37 **Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:**

The following is a story written by Paul. It concerns the Church needing to **forgive** a person who had committed a terrible sin. (1 Cor 5:1-9)

First they needed to purge him out of the Church, but once he **repented** and returned, they needed to **forgive** him.

Otherwise, he could have too much sorrow and fall away for good.

## **2 Cor 2:5-11**

- 5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.  
6 **Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.**  
7 **So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.**  
8 **Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.**  
9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.  
10 **To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;**  
11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

## **PRE-CONCLUSION:**

The following parable taught by Jesus shows us the need to examine ourselves and realize that as Jesus **forgives** us of all of our sins, so must we **forgive** all of our neighbors all their **trespasses**.

(Luke 11:4 1 John 1:9)

## **Matt 18:23-35**

- 23 **Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.**  
24 And when he had begun to reckon, **one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.**  
25 But forasmuch as **he had not to pay**, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.  
26 **The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.**  
27 Then **the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.**  
28 But **the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.**  
29 **And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.**  
30 **And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.**  
31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.  
32 **Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:**  
33 **Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?**  
34 **And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.**  
35 **So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

### **Col 3:12-13**

- 12 **Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;**  
13 **Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**

**Amen!**  
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