

WHY MUST I FORGIVE THEM?

Principles From the Parables - Part 2

Matthew 18:21-35

"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?'"
(Matthew 18:21)

"Jesus answered ' . . . Not seven times but 77 times!' " (vs 22)

WHY I MUST LEARN TO FORGIVE

1. Because _____

"The servant's master took pity on him, and canceled the debt and let him go." (vs.27)

"There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus."

The servant's reaction (vs. 28-30):

* When we feel _____ we tend to be unforgiving!

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

Key: Recognize . . .

2. Because _____

"Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servants just as I had on you? In anger his master turned him over to the jailer to be tortured. . . ." (vs. 33-34)

"Some men stay happy until the day they die . . . others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts."

3. Because _____

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brothers from your heart." (vs. 35)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
Matt 5:7

Do I need to forgive anyone?

- * The blame test.
- * The bitterness test.
- * The behavior test.

Two options for dealing with my hurts:

I can either _____ them or _____ them...