

Is Your Life Worth a Prayer? “The Lord’s Prayer”

Part 6

Forgive us our sins... just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.”
Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

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

Jesus answered, ..”Not seven times, but 77 times!” Matthew 18:22 (NIV)

WHY MUST I LEARN TO FORGIVE?

1. BECAUSE GOD HAS FORGIVEN ME

The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
Matthew 18:27 (NIV)

There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1 (NIV)

The Servant’s reaction: (vs. 28-30)

When we feel UNFORGIVEN we tend to be *unforgiving!*

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

2. BECAUSE RESENTMENT HURTS ME

“Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured... Matthew 18:33-34 (NIV)

Some men stay happy until the day they die... others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts. Job 21:23-25 (GN)

Three tests of unforgiveness:

The **BLAME** Test

The **BITTERNESS** Test

The **BEHAVIOR** Test

*To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do.
Job 5:2 (GN)*

3. BECAUSE I AM GOING TO NEED FORGIVENESS AGAIN

This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart. Matthew 18:35 (NIV)

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matthew 5:7 (NIV)

Two options for dealing with HURT:

RELEASE IT or REHEARSE IT

Put your heart right, reach out to God... then face the world again, firm and courageous. Then all your troubles will fade from your memory, like floods that are past and remembered no more. Job 11:13-16 (GN)