JESUS...WHAT'S THE STORY? Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Part 2

Matthew 18:21-35

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Bottom Line:

Forgiving others is a vital characteristic of a disciple of Christ who truly understands and is impacted by the awesome forgiveness that God has demonstrated to us.

- 1. Forgiving others is not about <u>"score"</u> keeping. Matthew 18:21-22
- 2. Forgiving others flows out <u>of God's</u> forgiveness of you. Matthew 18:23-33

Forgiveness = <u>Acting</u> with compassion and love towards another person who has wronged you because of the love, mercy and compassion that you have received from God.

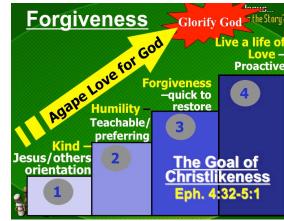
- A. What Forgiveness Is Not:
 - 1) Forgetting what happened.
 - 2) Condoning the wrong.
 - 3) Avoiding future changes.
 - 4) Removing all consequences.
- B. What Forgiveness Is:
 - 1) Releasing your "right" to get even.
 - 2) Reacting to evil with good.
 - 3) Repeating the process as long as necessary.
 - 4) Remembering how much the Lord has forgiven you.

3. Forgivin	g others pleases God and _	
you.	Matthew 18:34-35	

Conclusion: On Track to Forgive:

A. _____ that the Lord would give you a heart of forgiveness like His.

- B. Be teachable to change any ways in which you might offend others. Romans 2:1-5
- C. _____ common offenses that people encounter and walk through how you will respond.
- D. Don't enlarge problems & offenses to be more than they are.
- E. Choose to ______ in forgiveness toward others. (& receive it)
- F. Pray for wisdom as you respond in a godly way, regardless of the disappointing actions of others.



- G. Be prepared to _____ whatever part in this problem/offense that you have.
- H. If necessary, share your progress in difficult struggles with one other trusted Christian friend.
- I. Be motivated throughout the process by your _____ for Christ and desire to bring honor to Him.