

2. What Does This Mean to You?

1. Let's dive right into one of the major New Testament passages in which our Lord commands his forgiven followers to forgive one another — Luke 17:1–10.

A. The Lord's commands:

(1) *"If your brother sins, **rebuke** him..."*

(a) Why must you go to him/her?

(b) Two kinds of "rebuke" — which are you to use here?

(c) What is your attitude in going?

(2) *"...and if he repents, **forgive** him..."* More about this as this study unfolds.

(3) *"...and if he **sins against you seven times in the day**, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."*

B. The disciples' excuses:

(1) This kind of forgiveness requires more faith than I have.

(2) This kind of forgiveness is "above and beyond the call of duty."

(3) Forgiving when you don't feel like it is insincere/hypocrisy.

2. It's time to consider your current relationships in the light of what we have learned from Jesus in Luke 17.

3. Refusal to forgive is a decision for vengeance (cf. Luke 17:2). It is taking the right to judge and condemn into your own hands. You are putting yourself in the God's place (Gen. 50:19).

4. Conclusion: