

Forgiveness: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Matthew 18:21-34

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What is charitable gift annuity?

What is the context of this parable?

The Astonishing Forgiveness of God

Peter's gracious estimate

Rabbi's conjecture on forgiveness (Amos 1)

Western Rationalism's calculation – not 491!

Irish boxer turned preacher.

What is forgiveness? (Eph 4:32; Col 3:12-13)

Must I forgive the one sinning against me if he asks for it?

How much is 10,000 talents?

What did the debtor ask for? What did he receive?

When was the last time it dawned on you that you many sins are gone, vanished?

(Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:12)

The Absolute Necessity of our Forgiving Others

How great was this debt?

What did he ask for? What did he receive?

You who have been forgiven much, must stand ready to forgive little.

(Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)

Are you holding others in bondage? You have thrown them into debt prison.

The Stern Warning to those Failing to Forgive

The miserable consequence of an unforgiving spirit. V 33

Thomas Adams, "He that demands mercy, and shows none, ruins the bridge over which he himself must pass."

Do you need to ask for forgiveness from others? Do you need to forgive others?

The self-inflicted wounds of an unforgiving spirit