

*BACK to the BASICS*

SPIRITUAL  
DISCIPLINES





# PRACTICING FORGIVENESS

**PART 2**



Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

*Matthew 18:21-23*



As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold[h] was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

*Matthew 18:24-25*



“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

*Matthew 18:26-28*



“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

*Matthew 18:29-31*



“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*Matthew 18:32-35*



1.

*Forgiveness is not  
about keeping track,  
it's about losing count!*

*(v.21-22)*






2.  
*God will forgive  
us when we  
forgive others*

*(v.23-35)*



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*Matthew 18:35*



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# 1. *Unilateral Forgiveness*



“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Luke 23:34

## 2. *Mutual Forgiveness*





“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

James 5:16





“If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he **repents**, **forgive him**. If he sins against you **seven times in a day**, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘**I repent**,’ **forgive him.**”

*Luke 17:3-4*



**“If it is possible,** as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

*Romans 12:18*



1.  
*Seek to  
Understand the  
Other Person*



2.  
*Pray for  
the Person*



“Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

*Luke 6:28*



3.  
*Look for the  
Best in Them*



4.  
*Remember how  
You've been Forgiven  
of your Sins*



“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

*Ephesians 4:32*





“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

*Colossians 3:13*



5.  
*Forgive and Forget*

*Remembering = "Choosing to Act"*



*Forgetting = "Refusing to Act"*





“I will remember your sins no more.”

*Hebrews 8:12*