

Forgiveness

There is no justification for anger or bitterness against those who do evil to us. None.

Matthew 6:14-16 (NIV) “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV) "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment..."

Luke 6:37 (NIV) “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

Mark 11:25 (NIV) “And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

Luke 17:3-5 (Phi) "So be careful how you live. If your brother offends you, take him to task about it, and if he is sorry, forgive him. Yes, if he wrongs you seven times in one day and turns to you and says, 'I am sorry' seven times, you must forgive him."

Matthew 18:21-22 - Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother? Up to seven times when he sins against me?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven."

1 John 2:9 (Wey) Any one who professes to be in the light and yet hates his brother is still in darkness.

Colossians 3:13 (GOD'S WORD) - Put up with each other, and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Philippians 1:6 (NLT) - And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work (of also helping you forgive from the heart as you confess your bitter resentment is sin per 1 John 1:9) until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Matthew 5:44 (ABPE) "But I say to you, love your enemies and bless the one who curses you, and do what is beautiful to the one who hates you, and pray over those who take you by force and persecute you."

Mat 6:12 "Forgive us the wrongs that we have done, IF we forgive the wrongs others have done us."

Heb 8:12 (NIV) "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Luke 7:49 Then those reclining with Jesus began to say within themselves, "Who is this who dares to forgive sins?"

Isaiah 43:25 (NIV) I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Ephesians 4:26-27,31 (NIV) "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold ... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Romans 12:19 Friends, do not take revenge, instead leave room for God to punish, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the LORD.

Proverbs 24:17 Do not be happy when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he trips.

Matthew 18:21-27 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother? Up to seven times when he sins against me?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, *a man who owed him millions of dollars* 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. 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 few thousand dollars*. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you 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 greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. 'You evil 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 turned 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 from your heart."

2 Pet 1:9 (NAS) For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love ... For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

1Samuel 16:7 (NIV) "...The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Colossians 3:12-13 You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Be patient with one another; forgive each other as soon as a fight starts. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must forgive.

1 Peter 2:21-23 (NEB) To that you were called, because *Christ suffered on your behalf, and thereby left you an example; it is for you to follow in his steps*. He committed no sin, He was convicted of no falsehood; when He was abused He did not retort with abuse, when He suffered He uttered no threats, but committed His cause to the One who judges justly.

1 Peter 3:9 Do not repay to others with a wrong, for the wrong they do to you, or abuse for abuse; instead, retaliate with blessing, for a blessing is the inheritance to which you yourselves have been called.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (Phi) Let there be no more bitter resentment or anger, no more shouting or slander, and let there be no bad feeling of any kind among

you. Be kind to each other, be compassionate. Be as ready to forgive others as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.

Hebrews 12:15 (Jer) Be careful that no one is deprived of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness should begin to grow and make trouble; this can poison a whole community.

Romans 12:17-21 Don't pay back an insult or evil act against you, by responding with an insult or evil act, to anyone. Make sure your public behavior is above criticism. As far as your responsibility goes, live at peace with everyone. Never take revenge, my dear friends: stand back and let God punish if He wants to. Since it is in God's Word: "It is mine to avenge, I will repay," says the Lord. And it is also written: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Don't allow yourself to be overpowered by evil. *Take the offensive--overpower evil with good!*

Luke 6:27-37 "But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do what is beautiful to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you ... do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the worst criminals in history do the same ... But love your enemies, do good ... and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for your Father in Heaven is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful ... Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is utterly straightforward and just to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 5:44-45 "But what I tell you is this: love your enemies and pray for your persecutors; only when you act in this way can you be like children of your heavenly Father, who makes his sun rise on good and bad alike, and sends the rain on the honest and the dishonest. If you love only those who love you, what reward can you expect? Surely the traitorous tax-gatherers do that much! And if you greet only your brothers, what's extraordinary about that? The worst people in the world do that. There must be no limit to your goodness, as your heavenly Father's goodness knows no limit."