

Did Jesus Say That

Do I Need to Forgive Everyone?

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Matthew 5:21-26 (ESV)

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the

judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

Matthew 18:21-22

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Introduction

Question #1 | Do we need to forgive everyone?

a) What forgiveness is not

Misconceptions about forgiveness:

- It is NOT condoning the behavior
- It is NOT forgetting what happened
- It is NOT restoring trust in the person
- It is NOT agreeing to reconcile

b) What is forgiveness?

“Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him...” Luke 17:3

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him.” Mark 11:25

“¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.” Matthew 18:15-17

Question #2 | Can forgiveness wait?

“See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.” Hebrews 12:15

Question #3 | Should we limit our forgiveness?

“¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:14-15

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:30-32

Steps of Forgiveness:

1. Decide
2. Depend
3. Obey