

Forgive?
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Background, the parable that I am going to first share with you is the one of the servant who owed his master and when it was time to pay he could not pay, so he begs his master to forgive him and to give him more time. His master takes pity on him and forgives him the debt he owes. But later this same servant sees his fellow servant that owes him money but this fellow servant didn't have the money to pay and does the same thing that was done with the master. He begs for mercy and more time but the servant tells his fellow servant give it to me or you will be sent to jail and your family sold into slavery to pay your debt. The fellow servant couldn't pay so it was done as was said would be done. Well that servant had other fellow servants and when they saw what took place they told their master. And their master called in the servant that would forgive his fellow servant and said to him "shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?" ³⁴ And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. ³⁵ So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses" Matthew 18:33-35

This is what we must do to everyone no matter what. Many times this passage when spoken of verse 35 is typically left off. But it is very important because this is Jesus talking tell us what will happen to us if we do not forgive. If we do not forgive the hand of protection will be removed from us and we will be turn over to the tormentors, demons to torment and oppress us. This is the reason why many in the church suffer from various infirmities.

We must walk in forgiveness, loving people every day in the way they need to be loved no matter where they are at on their faith journey. It's not about who is showing us love, who hasn't done for us or has done for us.

We must love as Christ loved. We must follow Jesus. His words tells us "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the [one] cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not [to take thy] coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask [them] not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:27-31.

Having this heart, this spirit; is what you will read in Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Both of these are obtainable when we stop directing our own paths, "it is not in man that he should direct his path" (Jeremiah 10:23), and we must "acknowledge Him in all

things and He will direct our path" (Proverbs 3:6). How many things should we consult God in? All things.

It is so simple, we make it difficult with our stinking thinking and the desires of our flesh, which too often is allowed to rule our lives.

You can do it, "all things are possible with God" (Matthew 19:26). Now get out there and live the life of Christ every day, everywhere and love everyone, every day in the way they need to be loved, no matter where they are at on their faith journey.