

Christian Virtues
Pt.1 –“Forgiveness”
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Jesus Tells the Parable
of the
Unforgiving Debtor

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

^[21] Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

^[22] Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

^[23] "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

^[24] As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.

^[25] 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.

^[26] "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.'

^[27] The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

^[28] "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

^[29] "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

^[30] "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

^[31] When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

^[32] "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

^[33]Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

^[34]In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

^[35]"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

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

Luke 17:3-5 (NIV)

^[3]So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.

^[4]If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

^[5]The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"