



“Forgive, and You Will Be Forgiven”
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The Lord’s Prayer Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
But if you do not forgive others their sins,
your Father will not forgive your sins.* Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

Could Jesus actually be serious about that? Was that just a “one-off” by Jesus?

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Jesus in Mark 11:25 (NIV)

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Jesus in Luke 6:37 (NIV)

How do I let go of my past? How do I let go of the people who hurt me?

1. **BY _____ MY RIGHT TO GET EVEN.**
Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God for He has said He will repay those who deserve it.
Romans 12:19 (LB)

2. **BY _____ TO EVIL WITH GOOD.**
*Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.* Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)

3. BY _____ THESE STEPS AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

“Lord how many times should I forgive somebody who sins against me? Seven times?” “No,” said Jesus, “how about seventy times seven.”

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

4. BY _____ OTHERS WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS.

Through Christ God made peace between us and Himself and God gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with Him. God was in Christ making peace between the world and Himself. In Christ God did not hold the world guilty of its sins and He gave us this message of peace so we have been sent to speak for Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NCV)

These notes and today’s message are the product of numerous sources – biblical study, theological books, biblical commentaries, devotional materials, sermons, and illustrative material gathered or emailed to me. References are not always verbally stated. If you would like a particular reference, I’m happy to supply it. One of the sources is *Forgiveness* by Alan Perkins.