

“Learning How to Forgive”

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Matthew 18:21-35

INTRODUCTION

human nature...characterized by _____

divine nature...characterized by _____
Gen. 50:19-21; 1 Sam. 26:11; 25:32-35; Acts 7:59-60

• *responsibility* = _____ + _____

1. Clarification: I have the responsibility to forgive (18:21-22)

- the Jews' measuring stick: *3 times*
Amos 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 13; 2:1, 4, 6
- Peter's measuring stick: *7 times*
- Jesus breaks the stick: *keep no record of wrongs*
1 Cor. 13:5

2. Exhortation: I have the ability to forgive (18:23-35)

- the servant as a debtor
- the servant as a creditor
Tit. 3:1-7
- the servant as a prisoner

APPLICATION

a. the nature of forgiveness

- judicial forgiveness
+ therefore, I _____
- relational forgiveness
1 Jn. 1:9; Jn. 13:9-10
+ therefore, I _____

b. the call to live a life of forgiveness

- because of _____
Col. 3:13; Eph. 4:32
- because of _____
Rom. 12:19; Deut. 32:43
- because of _____
Rom. 6:19
- because of _____
2 Cor. 3:18

c. the results of not forgiving

- spiritual _____
1 Pet. 3:7
- relational _____
Eph. 4:3
- spiritual _____
Heb. 12:10-11; 1 Cor. 11:30-32

d. the results of forgiving

- honors God and spreads His _____
1 Pet. 2:11-12
- produces unhindered fellowship _____
- keeps a _____
1 Pet. 3:16