

# *Forgiving Others*

# Matthew 6:9-15

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly  
Father will also forgive you,

<sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither  
will your Father forgive your trespasses.

# Matthew 6:12,14-15 (NCV)

- <sup>12</sup> Forgive us for our sins,  
just as we have forgiven those who sinned against us.
- <sup>14</sup> Yes, if you forgive others for their sins, your Father in  
heaven will also forgive you for your sins.
- <sup>15</sup> But if you don't forgive others, your Father in heaven  
will not forgive your sins.





Why Do We Not Forgive Others?

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# Some *Excuses* Reasons Why We Don't Forgive

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# Matthew 18:21-22

<sup>21</sup> 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?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.\*

\*KJV says “until seventy times seven.”

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## James 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

## Matthew 7:1-2

<sup>1</sup>“Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

## Matthew 7:12

<sup>12</sup> “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.



Having an attitude of forgiveness



# Matthew 5:5,7-9

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”



Some reasons to forgive  
vs.  
Consequences of not forgiving



## Matthew 5:23-24

<sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:15

<sup>15</sup> See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.





*An Invitation from Jesus Christ*