

LifeApps: "Forgiveness is Everything"

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JESUS said: *Therefore everyone who **hears these words** of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.* Matthew 7:25

JAMES said: ²² *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* James 1:22

PAUL said: ⁷ *...**train yourself to be godly.*** ⁸ *For physical training is of some value, but **godliness has value for all things**, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.* 1 Timothy 4:7-8

Godliness. a proper response to the things of God, which produces obedience and righteous living. Greek word translated "godliness" in the New Testament means "pious" or "holy".

Unmerciful Servant Parable:

²¹ *Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "**Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?**"*

²² *Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but **seventy-seven times.**"*

³⁵ *"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." Matthew 18:21-22; 35*

- **Forgiveness:** to stop feeling anger (resentment) for wrongs and offenses. The act of cancelling the debt from an past insult or injury
- **Grudge is like:** animosity / bad blood / bitterness / grievance / hatred / malice / resentment / spite
- **Grudge Defined:** a persistent feeling of ill will or resentment resulting from a past insult or injury.

ROMANS 12:9-21

⁹ *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.* ¹⁰ *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.* ¹¹ *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.* Romans 12:9-10

*Bear with each other and **forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* Colossians 3:13

¹² *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* ¹³ *Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.* Romans 12:12-13

¹⁴ ***Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*** ¹⁵ *Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.* ¹⁶ *Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.* Romans 12:14-16

Key: Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong; it makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn't make you weak; it sets you free!

¹⁷ *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.* ¹⁸ *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace with everyone.*** ¹⁹ *Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.* Romans 12:17-19

²⁰ *On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."* ²¹ ***Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*** Romans 12:20-21