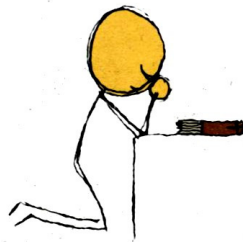




Learning to Pray Like Jesus
Forgive Us Our Debts...As We Forgive
Matthew 6:9-13 Pg 685

Forgiveness Defined

- to let go of
 - to wipe off
 - to cancel
 - to release
 - to remove
 - to relieve
 - to erase
- >debt
 - >smudge
 - >something owed
 - >from bondage
 - >offence
 - >punishment
 - >record of

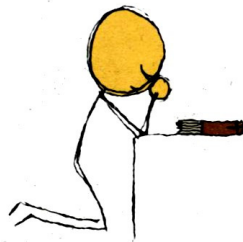


Forgiveness Principle: #1

Our forgiveness for others is grounded in
God's forgiveness for us

“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Col 3:13

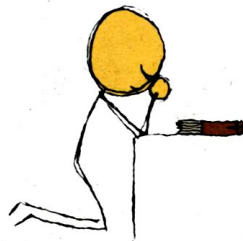


Forgiveness Principle: #2

If we refuse to forgive others then God
doesn't forgive us!

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Mt 6:14-15



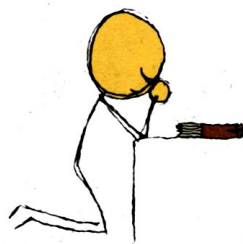
Forgiveness Principle: #3

Forgiveness is to be unending!

“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?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

Mt 18:21-22

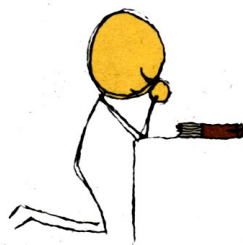


Forgiveness Principle: #4

Forgiveness is a matter of the heart.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

Mt 18:35

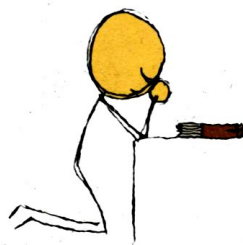


Forgiveness Principle: #5

Forgiveness is a unilateral decision we make.

“Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 23:34

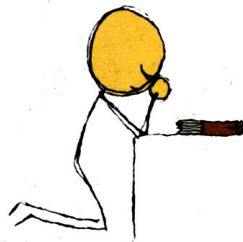


Forgiveness Principle: #6

You can have forgiveness without reestablishing relationship.

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

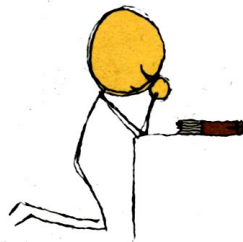


Forgiveness Principle: #7

After forgiveness relationship requires repentance and rebuilding of trust.

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—”

John 1:12



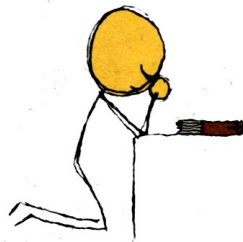
Forgiveness Principle: #8

Forgiveness sets two prisoners free—the offender and the offended!

“Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

“No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you...”

John 8:1-11

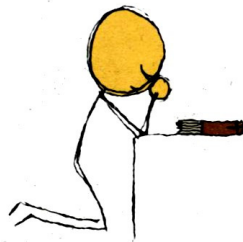


Forgiveness Principle: #9

Our capacity to forgive comes from understanding God's forgiveness of us.

"Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven-- for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

Luke 7:36-50

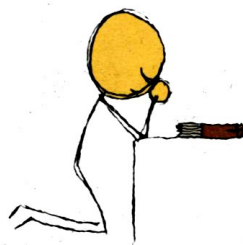


Forgiveness Principle: #10

To ask God for that which we refuse to give others is an insult to His character.

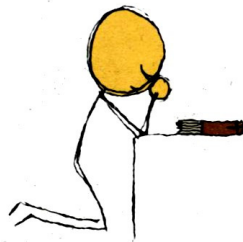
“The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.”

Psalm 145:8



6 Steps Toward Forgiveness

- *Remember what God has done for you.*
- *Make a conscious choice to release any debt or obligation owed.*
- *Choose to suspend punishment.*
- *Give space and opportunity for repentance.*
- *Open up the possibility of mercy and relationship if repentance is offered.*
- *Give an appropriate amount of time to heal.*



Three Opportunities

- **Come seek forgiveness from God.**
- **Come grant forgiveness to others.**
- **Go ask forgiveness from others.**

