

Part 3 – The Book of Philemon

Philemon 1:17-25

The Cost of Unforgiveness - Hidden in Plain Sight

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ACTIVE FORGIVENESS DEMONSTRATES OUR FAITH.

Matthew 18:21-35 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus ***said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.**

23 **"For this reason** the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.

A talent was a huge sum of money, equal to 6,000 denarii. One denarius was the usual day's wage for a worker. L&N 6.82 states, "a Greek monetary unit (also a unit of weight) with a value which fluctuated, depending upon the particular monetary system which prevailed at a particular period of time (a silver talent was worth approximately 6,000 denarii with gold talents worth at least thirty times that much)."

25 **But** since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, '**Have patience with me** and I will repay you everything.'

27 **And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.**

28 **But that slave** went out and found one of his fellow slaves **who owed him a hundred denarii**; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'

29 So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, '**Have patience with me and I will repay you.**'

30 **But he was unwilling** and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.

31 So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

32 **Then summoning him, his lord *said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.**

33 **Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 1:15-16 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

Matthew 18:34 **And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.**

35 My heavenly Father **will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."**

Philemon 17 If then you regard me a partner, accept him as you would me.

18 But if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to my account;

19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).

20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

21 Having confidence in your **obedience**, I write to you, since I know that you **will do** even more than what I say.

22 At the same time also prepare me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you.

23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,

24 as do Mark, **Aristarchus**, **Demas**, Luke, my fellow workers.

25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Leviticus 19:17-18 `You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.