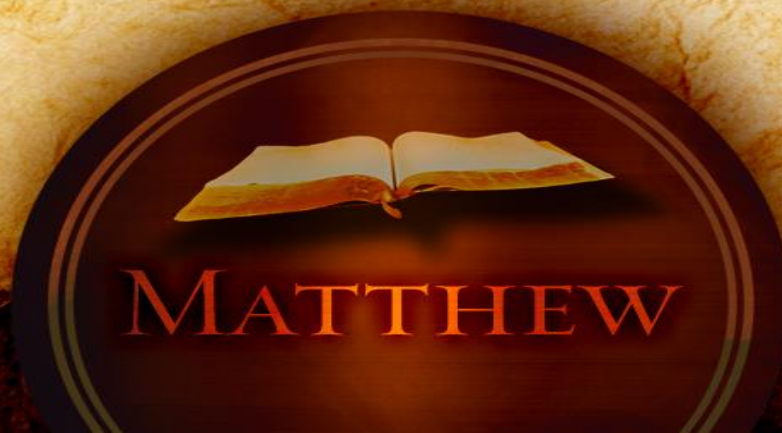




# Matthew 6:12

*Be Forgiving*





## Our prayers should be:

1. Relational (He's OUR Father)
2. Reverent (He is in heaven, His name is Hallowed/Holy)
3. Submissive (Thy kingdom come, THY will be done)
4. Dependent (Give us this day our DAILY bread).
5. Penitent. (Forgive us our debts/sin)



# Matthew 6:1 2b

“...as we also have forgiven our debtors.



# The Question:

Are you forgiving?



## Matthew 6:9-13

9 “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 ‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

11 ‘Give us this day our daily bread.

12 ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



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Jesus ASSUMES you're forgiving  
people!



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“AS we also have forgiven our debtors.

~Just as....

~In the same way as....



# Jesus is sinless

1 Peter 2:22      “Who committed no sin”

2 Cor. 5:21      “Him who knew no sin.”



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# The True Christian

Will have a posture of forgiveness. Wants to forgive. Is prepared to forgive. Is Looking for opportunities to forgive. Welcomes it.



Are you forgiving?



# Ephesians 4:31-32

“Let all bitterness and anger and wrath and shouting and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Instead, be kind to one another, tender-hearted, graciously forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has graciously forgiven you.”



# The Question:

Are you a forgiving Christian?



## What does it mean to forgive?

- ✓ Wiping the slate clean.
- ✓ Restoring the relationship.
- ✓ Letting go of the offense.
- ✓ To move forward in love for that person.



## What does it mean to forgive?

“To forgive is to turn the key, open the cell door, and let the prisoner out. To forgive is to write in large letters across a debt “nothing owed.” To forgive is to pound the gavel in a courtroom and say, “not guilty.” To forgive is to shoot an arrow so high and so far that it can never be found again. To forgive is to bundle up all the garbage and all the trash and dispose of it, leaving the house clean and fresh. To forgive is to loose the moorings of a ship and release it to the open sea. To forgive is to grant a full pardon to a condemned criminal. To forgive is to relax a stranglehold on a wrestling opponent and give him his life. To forgive is to sandblast a wall of graffiti, leaving it looking like new.”

John MacArthur



Are you forgiving?



## Matthew 6:14-15

14 “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 “But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.



Prov. 19:11 “A man’s insight makes him slow to anger, And it is his  
honor to overlook a transgression.”

Luke 17:3-4 ““Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him;  
and if he repents, forgive him. “And if he sins against you seven  
times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’  
forgive him.”



# The Question:

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