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Everyday Christian: Forgiveness / Prayer; Forgiveness / Mark 11:25–26

God's forgiveness of believers' sins leads them to pray for his forgiveness of others and to be forgiving in their dealings with other people.



The Application of Forgiveness

Everyday Christian: Forgiveness

Mark 11:25–26

Mark 11:25–26 ESV

²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Prayers for Forgiveness on Behalf of Others

For God's Own People

Exodus 32:30–32 ESV

³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people, “You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” ³¹ So Moses returned to the

LORD and said, “Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.”

For other Human Beings

Genesis 18:32–33 ESV

³² Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³ And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

For One’s Persecutors

Luke 23:33–34 ESV

³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Prayers for Forgiveness for Oneself

Luke 11:4 ESV

⁴ and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation.”

A Great Example of Forgiving Self

Psalms 32:1–5 ESV

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

The Call to Exercise Forgiveness

As a Principle of Life

Luke 6:37 ESV

³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;

Within the Church

Colossians 3:12–13 ESV

¹² Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Forgiving Enemies

[Pr 24:17](#); [Pr 25:21–22](#); [Mt 5:44](#); [Ro 12:20](#)

Being Forgiven is Dependent on Forgiving Others

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Forgiveness is to be Without Limits

Luke 17:3-4 ESV

³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him,
⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

A Great Example of Human Forgiveness

Acts 7:59-60 ESV

⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

