



The Forgotten Art of Forgiveness

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The Forgotten Art Reclaiming God's Good Gifts

Some things change with time, and that's [OK](#)

Some things change with time, and that's [SAD](#)

Some things change with time, and God wants his people to [reclaim them](#)

- Listening
- Forgiveness
- Acceptance
- Blessing
- Hard work
- Fellowship
- Heart for the Lost

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Movement 1- The Master [Artist's Plan](#)

Matthew 18:21-35

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?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'" But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown

into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

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

God's dream is thoughtful, intentional, and reflexive forgiveness

What is your reflexive response when someone wrongs you?

Movement 2- The [Forgotten](#) Art

What do we lose when our reflexive response is to judge and condemn and not to forgive?

Movement 3- The Picture is [Marred](#)

- What keeps us from forgiving?
- They don't deserve it!
- I'm better than others (my sin is not as bad)
- God loves sinners like me (or people like me) and not them!

How have I been lured into attitudes and actions of unforgiveness?

Movement 4- Reclaiming God's [Good Gift](#)

- Look at Jesus (Amazing grace)
- Look at myself (Real sin)
- Look closer at the person you don't want to forgive (Broken by sin)

What is your next step toward a Jesus honoring forgiveness?

Movement 5- Becoming an [Artist](#)

- Who do I need to forgive?

- What is getting in the way? (Bad theology)
- What might happen if I become a forgiver rather than a judge?

Will I hear the call to forgive others as God in Christ forgave me?

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