

Observations from the parable (Matthew 18:21-35)

1. God will settle accounts
2. God is both just and merciful
3. God desires to forgive ALL debts
4. God's forgiveness is a free gift offered to all
5. God paid our debt himself
6. *We are forgiven forgivers*
Two inseparable words. Each necessitates the other. Matthew 6:14-15
7. Forgiveness is a continuous choice to release the debt and the person to God
8. Forgiveness is based on grace
Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
9. Don't confuse interpersonal and institutional forgiveness
Romans 12:19-13:4
10. Don't confuse forgiveness and trust
11. Don't confuse forgiveness and forgetfulness
Hebrews 10:16-22
12. Don't confuse forgiveness and grief
13. Forgiveness is hard
14. **The ability to forgive comes from the ongoing experience of being forgiven**
Luke 7:36-50
15. **Seek reconciliation where possible**
The parable is tied to the context of correcting and reconciling one another (Matthew 18:15-20)
16. Act on forgiveness