



WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE THOSE WHO HURT ME?

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[Matthew 6:14-15]*

If you do not forgive those who hurt you:

1. Your _____ will not be _____.

*Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.
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But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too. [Mark 11:25]

*Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.
[Luke 6:37]*

2. Your _____ will not find _____.

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How to receive forgiveness from God:

1. Admit that you have sinned against God and others.
2. Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for you on the cross.
3. Commit to following Jesus Christ all the days of your life!

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

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