

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant - [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

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Open It

1. *What makes forgiveness difficult?
2. What acts of mercy have you seen or heard about recently?
3. What are some situations others have faced that you would find difficult to forgive?

Explore It

4. What question did Peter ask Jesus? ([18:21](#))
5. What surprising answer did Jesus give Peter? ([18:22](#))
6. How did Jesus illustrate His answer to Peter's question? ([18:23](#))
7. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven? ([18:23](#))
8. In the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant, what did the king want to do? ([18:23](#))
9. How was the king prepared to get the large amount of money owed him by a particular servant? ([18:24-25](#))
10. What did the indebted servant do? ([18:26](#))
11. How did the king graciously respond to the indebted servant's desperate plea? ([18:27](#))
12. What did the servant go do after his debt was cancelled? ([18:28](#))
13. How did the second servant respond to the demand for payment? ([18:29](#))
14. What effect did the second servant's pleas have on the first servant? ([18:30](#))
15. *Who watched with dismay as the first servant refused to have mercy on the second? Why? ([18:31](#))
16. How did the onlookers respond when they saw the first servant throw the second in jail? ([18:31](#))
17. *How did the king react to the news he heard? ([18:32-34](#))

18. *How did Jesus apply this parable to His followers? ([18:35](#))

Get It

19. How likely are we to forgive someone once, twice, or even three times?

20. How likely are people to forgive someone beyond three times?

21. How are we to interpret Jesus' answer, "seventy-seven times"?

22. Why is an unforgiving spirit so deadly?

23. *In what ways has God shown mercy in forgiving our sins?

24. *If God is so willing to forgive us, why are we sometimes unwilling to forgive others?

25. How do we sometimes forgive with strings attached?

26. What should we do if we don't feel like forgiving others?

27. How is it possible for us to forget the wrongs others have done to us?

Apply It

28. What individual(s) do you need to "release from their debts" today?

29. *What are some practical ways you can show mercy today to someone who has wronged you?