



Unforgiveness Can Drag You To Hell



One of the devil's most subtle and persistent temptations is with unforgiveness. He will remind you of past hurts and injustices to destroy you spiritually, if possible. To get victory, resist his thoughts and pray for your enemies. Remember, to be unforgiving will hurt you much more than the person you won't forgive.



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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 talents 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. 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 denarii. 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 you back." But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed 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 turned him over to the jailers **to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.** (Mt 18:23-35)

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But **if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.** (Mt 6:14-15)

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, **forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.** (Mk 11:25)

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. **Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** (Col 3:13)

