



reThink #7

Forgiving Others, Matt. 6:12

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Forgiving Others = giving up _____

Disciples of Jesus Forgive...

- As Jesus _____

¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Matthew 6:12 (ESV)

Why Do We Forgive?

- Today we are told we forgive _____.

What Does the New Testament Say?

- Because _____ has forgiven me.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:30-32 (ESV)

- To _____ Jesus before the world.

³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:35-36 (ESV)

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 1 Peter 2:20-23 (ESV)

The Essence of Discipleship:

- _____ self & _____ Jesus.
Luke 9:23-24 (ESV)

Two Paths To Forgiving Others:

- The path of human motivation: _____
- The path of Discipleship: To help me become _____
_____ Jesus

Forgiving is a Spiritual Discipline

- It's main goal is to _____ more like Jesus
- The good it brings me are _____.

Much of our teaching is self-centered NOT Christ (Gospel) centered.

- We are producing _____ not _____

¹⁹ Go therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

- Are we unknowingly doing this?

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