

# “ Proverbs and Parables - The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant”

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Matthew 18:21 NIV

Peter’s perspective was that forgiveness was for the OFFENDER.

Peter was trying to figure out how he could forgive, ON HIS OWN TERMS.

Proverbs 14: 12 AMP

Matthew 18:22 NIV

**The parable Jesus is about to explain involves extremes:**

1. God’s extreme EXPECTATIONS for believers to FORGIVE.
2. God’s extreme LOVE FOR US to forgive our SINS AGAINST HIM.

Matthew 18: 23-25 NIV

Matthew 18: 26 NIV

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Once the servant was confronted with, not only the DEBT HE OWED, but the CONSEQUENCE of failure to pay, 3 things happened in the servant:

1. The servant HUMBLED HIMSELF.
2. A DESPERATE PLEA for mercy.
3. A desire to be OBEDIENT.

Matthew 18: 27-30

Matthew 18: 31-34

Proverbs 17:9

*FORGIVENESS IS SOMETHING MANY OF US DO NOT FIND EASY AND YET IT IS SOMETHING NONE OF US CAN LIVE WITHOUT - Andy Stanley*

## 3 LEVELS OF HURTS/OFFENSES

1. MINOR HURTS
2. MODERATE HURTS
3. MAJOR HURTS

1 Peter 5:5

Jesus is telling Peter through this parable that we should be in CONSTANT PRACTICE OF FORGIVENESS till it becomes HABITUAL.

Matthew 18:35

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