

Lesson 4  
Forgiving Others

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Matthew 5:7).*

God forgives us of our sins through our faith in Jesus Christ. As God has forgiven us, He wants us to forgive others in the same way.

Read Matthew 6:9-15.

1. What is the stipulation for our sins being forgiven (verse 12)?

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2. What happens if we do not forgive others (verse 15)?

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It is important to note that as Jesus taught the disciples how they should pray, He emphasized forgiveness as the key to our prayers. If we do not forgive others, we are sinning, and our fellowship with God is broken. God’s Word commands us to forgive others and His Holy Spirit gives us the power to do so (Romans 8:11, 14, 16, 26).

3. Read Luke 6:27-37. What are we to do to our enemies (verse 27)?

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4. What are we to do to those who hate us (verse 27)?

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5. What are we to do to those who curse us (verse 28)?

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6. What are we to do to those who use us (verse 28)?

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7. How should we treat others (verse 31)?

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8. Who are we to love (verse 35)?

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9. Why do we need to be merciful (verse 36)?

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10. Why is it important for us not to condemn or judge others (verse 37)?

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11. Why do we need to forgive (verse 37)?

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In this passage, Jesus shows us four practical applications in forgiving others:

1. Love them.
2. Do good things for them.
3. Ask God to bless them.
4. Pray for them.

If we do these four things, God will change our hearts toward those who have wronged us. We will begin to experience a true sense of forgiveness and love for them.