

Forgiveness

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Scripture Reading – Luke 15:11-32

Main Idea – Forgiveness is NOT optional for the believer; it is a command given by Jesus, and refusing to forgive is direct disobedience to Him.

Point to Ponder – We are more like our Lord & Savior whenever we choose to forgive and less like Him whenever we choose not to forgive. **ARE YOU HOLDING ON TO UNFORGIVENESS?**

Let's examine 3 important areas in Jesus' teaching regarding this particular parable:

I. *The older son refused to forgive and missed out on his father's blessings due to his unforgiveness (Luke 15:25-30).*

- a) Matthew 6:14-15 -
- b) Mark 11:25-26 -
- c) Hebrews 12:15 -
- d) Galatians 6:7 -
- e) Proverbs 14:30 -

f) Ephesians 4:26-27 -

g) Matthew 18:32-35 -

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II. The younger son repented and received his father's forgiveness (Luke 15:17-19).

a) 1 John 1:8-10 -

b) Proverbs 28:13 -

c) Psalm 32:5 -

d) Isaiah 1:18 -

e) 2 Peter 3:9 -

f) James 4:8 -

g) Luke 15:10 -

**ARE YOU WILLING TO FORSAKE YOUR SINS AND
RECEIVE THE LORD'S FORGIVENESS?**

III. The father's forgiving heart blessed everyone including his younger son, older son and servants (Luke 15:22-24).

a) Matthew 6:14-15 -

b) Ephesians 4:32 -

c) Romans 12:19-21 -

- d) Genesis 50:19-21 -
- e) Matthew 18:15-17 -
- f) Romans 12:18 -
- g) Ephesians 6:12 -

ARE YOU READY TO GIVE YOUR
UNFORGIVENESS TO THE
LORD?

Famous Quote: *“Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realising you were the prisoner!” - Max Lucado*