

*The Parable of the
Unforgiving/ Ungrateful Servant*

Matthew 18:21-35



21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times (Seventy times Seven).

Matthew 18:21-22



23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. **24** When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25** And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. **26** So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ **27** And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:23-27



28 *But when that same servant went out, he found (“euren”- to find) one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’* **29** *So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’* **30** *He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.*

Matthew 18:28-30



31 *When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.*

32 *Then his master summoned him and said to him,*

*‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’*

34 *And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.*

Matthew 18:31-34



35 *So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”*

Matthew 18:35



“Let My people go, that they may serve Me.”

The Lord set us free – God’s desire is that we may willingly serve Him.



Romans 12:1-2

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.



Servanthood

vs

Volunteer

Calling / Identity

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Choice

Devotion

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Interest

Commitment

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Availability

Obedience

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Goodwill

Surrender

-

Convenience



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