

Trivial Pursuit
Matthew 6:12, 14-15

The greatest sermon ever preached is the Sermon on the Mount. Its theme is _____ in the Kingdom of God. When we left the Sermon on the Mount, basically a year ago, we had just finished the Model Prayer. Today, we go back to the topic of _____.

Luke 12:1-3. Our greatest need is _____. We need that once for all forgiveness but we also need the _____ forgiveness just like we need our daily bread. What are some ways we “discharge” our sin debt?

- We _____ it.
- We can _____ them.
- We can succumb to _____, run away.
- We _____ to _____ harder.
- Or _____.

Will He forgive us again for the same sins?

That very question _____ the gospel. His grace is always greater than our sin. We rest in _____ not in our _____.

Matthew 18:21ff. The slave mentioned here owed an incomprehensible amount of money to the king.

The king had mercy on him and forgave the debt but _____. You’d think this king’s graciousness would have captivated this slave but it didn’t. His self-centeredness led him to throw someone owing him very little in debtor’s prison. If that slave truly understood his incomprehensible indebtedness and what it took to be forgiven, do you think he would have responded differently?

John Stott: “Once our eyes have been opened to the enormity of our offenses against God, the injuries which others have done to us appear, by comparison, extremely _____. If we have an exaggerated view of the offenses of others, it proves we have minimized _____.”

Back in Matthew 6, the word “trespasses” in verses 14-15 is different than the word “debts” in verse 12. Trespasses can refer to any act where ones falls to the side, off the right path, a blunder. The word implies recklessness, even a willful act.

Here’s the problem: if the debt was \$5k, we’d find the money to keep us out of prison but the debt is more like \$5 trillion and we’re not raising that. It is so great it takes another to pay it. We *always* view

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ourselves owing the \$5k and not the \$5T but we also view the other person owing the \$5T when they've offended us.

So, what does that mean? It's pretty uncomfortable. Refusing to forgive someone else for their trespass against us makes us the unforgiving, ungrateful slave in the Jesus' parable.

When you and I deeply understand our own sin and what it took to redeem and forgive us, we will _____ be willing to forgive someone else.

Forgiveness is a dominant trait of _____ but that doesn't mean its easy. It implies a willingness to forgive on our part.

Forgiveness, for believers, always involves at least _____.

Our model, our goal, our aspiration is to _____ even as _____ has forgiven _____.