

SERIES: DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

Part 12b: I Am Forgiving

How to Develop a Forgiving Life

"Then Peter came to Him and asked, 'Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?' ²²No, not seven times," Jesus replied, 'but seventy times seven! ²³Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt. ²⁶But the man fell down before his master and begged him, "Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all." ²⁷Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt. ²⁸But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. ²⁹His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. "Be patient with me, and I will pay it," he pleaded. ³⁰But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. ³¹When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. ³²Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, "You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. ³⁵That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.'" Matthew 18:21-35

I. Are there _____ sins?

(Much of my information comes from *David Stoop's book, Forgiven The Unforgivable*)

A. _____ makes _____ feel unforgivable?

People who typically feel that what was done to them is unforgivable:

1) It is something _____ that shakes our moral _____ to its roots

2) It's done by _____ trusted and _____

Notes:

Matthew 18:27; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 2:13-14

5) You become _____, or you learn
_____ and learn to _____ again