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PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING DEBTOR

²¹ Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" ²² "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" **Matthew 18:21-22 NLT**

Jesus effectively shattered the idea that forgiveness could be reduced to a checklist or a legal formula. By multiplying Peter's "perfect" number, Jesus signaled that true kingdom forgiveness is boundless and immeasurable.

- **Chronic** means the behavior is habitual, pervasive, and intentional.
- **Incidental** means the act is an isolated, accidental, or unavoidable exception in an otherwise compliant process.

They wronged me!

- In relationships, unforgiveness brings resentment.
- Resentment is like a cancer.

True Repentance can bring restoration.

It starts with honest repentance.

Make right what you did wrong.

Being restored where you were.

God's Forgiveness

⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **1 John 1:9 NLT**

¹² He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

Psalm 103:12 NLT

²⁵ "I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again." **Isaiah 43:25 NLT**

So, how does God's Word say we should forgive others?

³² "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." **Ephesians 4:32 NIV**

¹³ "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." **Colossians 3:13 NIV**

¹⁴ "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." **Matthew 6:14-15 NIV**

- Forgiveness is a command.
- Forgiveness is a decision.
- Forgiveness is a process.
- Forgiveness allows God to be the judge.

Next Steps:

1. Ask God to help you forgive.
2. Pray salvation and blessings on those who you need to forgive.
3. Let God bring your emotions in line with His will.