

Scripture

Romans 12:19(NKJV) Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

Luke 7:36-47(NKJV) ³⁶Then one of the **Pharisees** asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to eat. ³⁷And behold, a woman in the city who was a **sinner(immoral)**, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, ³⁸and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a **prophet**, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a **sinner.**” ⁴⁰And Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” So he said, “Teacher, say it.” ⁴¹“There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²And when they had nothing with which to repay, he **freely forgave** them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?” ⁴³Simon answered and said, “I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.” ⁴⁴Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. ⁴⁷Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.”

Luke 17:3-4(NLT) ³So watch yourselves! “If another **believer** sins, **rebuke** that person; then if there is repentance, forgive.” ⁴Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, **you must forgive.**”

The Truth About Forgiveness

1. Someone who understands the depth of his/her sin and the greatness of God’s mercy, responds with _____.
2. Unforgiveness turns your _____ into _____.
3. Unforgiveness invites the _____ into your life.
4. When you _____ on the one who hurt you, you _____ the one who can heal you.
5. Forgiveness not only makes you like _____, but it may also lead someone to _____.

The illiterate of the future won’t be those who can’t read or write,
but rather those who can’t learn, unlearn and relearn.

Alvin Toffler