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Quote:

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.  
23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.  
24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.  
25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.  
26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, "Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all."  
27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, "Pay me what you owe!"  
29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you all."  
30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.  
31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.  
32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.  
33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?"  
34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Jesus is clearly teaching here that if we don't forgive our brothers that our sins will not be forgiven either. "So will my heavenly Father do to you".

Read the parable in the context this is shared and its quite clear if we cannot forgive others for what they have done to us, we cannot be forgiven. It's easy to talk religion but putting Christianity into our daily lives is another ballgame.

Can we forgive others? Probably the hardest thing to deal with in life is people with their natural

abrasive attitudes.

In spite of what many think, what Jesus the Son of God says; is the reality for the Christian who desires to do His Will.

The servant in this parable was forgiven his sin and excused from his debt but he could not forgive a man who owed him a lesser amount and he showed no mercy on this man. I'm sure the first servant felt justified in what he said and did to his fellow man. But the King who forgave his debt felt otherwise and so did all the other servants who saw him treat his brother with condemnation.

If we want Mercy and Grace in our lives then we are called to show it to others. For all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God.

Gary