

The Forgiving Heart

There is a great tendency on earth
to look _____ on others.
From a feeling of insecurity and desiring control
it is _____ to picture ourselves above others.

The Contrast of Two Worlds:

The World *chooses* to hold grudges.
Those of the Kingdom of God choose to _____!

The Limit to Forgiveness . . . 21-22
Has no **Q** _____ or **Q** _____.

One Servant ↔ Three Perspectives

As the Debtor (a picture of our Sin) 18:23-27

The Debt . . .
was **I** _____.
affected his **F** _____.

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. . . Romans 8:3

The Promise to pay it back
was **I** _____ and Impossible.

*For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity,
though it is great. Psalm 25:11*

*My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.
Psalm 38:4*

The Master canceled the debt from his _____!

As the Creditor

18:28-31

(a picture of collecting what's "due")

The Urgency for Repayment
was **H**urried and **H** _____.

The Reaction was void of **R**elationship
but filled with self **R** _____.

The Lack of Mercy
was **O** _____ and **O**ffensive.

*The stingy are eager to get rich
and are unaware that poverty awaits them.
The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the LORD
will prosper. Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those
who walk in wisdom are kept safe. Prov. 28:22, 25-26*

As the _____ 18:32-35
(a picture of an unforgiving heart)

The Generosity of his own pardon wasn't his
Focus or his **F** _____.

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander,
along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to
one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ
God forgave you. Eph. 4:31-32*

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness
and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if
any of you has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Col. 3:12-13*

The Master _____ forgiveness from the heart!

Optional Readings:

Notice the freedom and power of Forgiveness.

2 Chronicles 7¹⁴ **Psalms** 32^{2&5} 103¹² **Isaiah** 43²⁵
Jer. 31³⁴ **Joel** 2¹³ **Micah** 7¹⁸⁻¹⁹ **Matt.** 6¹⁴⁻¹⁵ **Mark** 11²⁵
Luke 6³⁷ 23³⁴ **Ephesians** 4³¹⁻³² **Colossians** 1¹³⁻¹⁴ 3¹²⁻¹³