

Pearls & “Pigs” • Matthew 7:6
The Freedom Of Forgiveness

Romans 12:16 **Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty**, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 12:17 **Repay no one evil for evil**, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Romans 12:18 **If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

Romans 12:19 Beloved, **never avenge yourselves**, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, **“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”**

Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the **poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 7:1 “**Judge not**, that you be not judged.

Matthew 7:2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and **with the measure you use it will be measured to you.**

Matthew 7:3 **Why do you see** the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Matthew 7:4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye?

“The fact of the matter is that we are not really concerned about helping this other person; we are interested only in condemning him. We pretend to have this great interest; we pretend that we are very distressed at finding this blemish (in his life). But in reality, as our Lord has already shown us, we are really glad to discover it”

Martin Lloyd Jones

“the command to judge not is not a requirement to be blind, but rather a plea to be generous. Jesus does not tell us to cease to be men (by suspending our critical

powers which help to distinguish us from animals) but to renounce the presumptuous ambition to be God (by setting ourselves up as judges)”

John Stott

Matthew 7:5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and **then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.**

Matthew 7:6 “Do not give **dogs** what is holy, and do not throw your **pearls** before **pigs**, lest they trample them underfoot and **turn to attack you.**

Matthew 13:45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of **fine pearls,**

Matthew 13:46 who, on **finding one pearl of great value,** went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 10:14 And if anyone **will not receive you or listen to your words,** **shake off the dust from your feet** when you leave that house or town.

Philippians 3:2 **Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers,** look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, **for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.**

Matthew 13:3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: “**A sower went out to sow.**

Matthew 13:4 And as he sowed, **some seeds fell along the path,** and the birds came and devoured them.

Matthew 13:5 **Other seeds fell on rocky ground,** where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,

Matthew 13:6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.

Matthew 13:7 **Other seeds fell among thorns**, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Matthew 13:8 **Other seeds fell on good soil** and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Luke 7:36 One of the **Pharisees** asked him to eat with him, and **he went into the Pharisee's house** and reclined at the table.

Luke 7:37 And behold, **a woman of the city, who was a sinner**, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment,

Luke 7:38 and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.

Luke 7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited him **saw this, he said to himself**, "If this man were a prophet, **he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.**"

Luke 7:40 And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

Luke 7:41 "A certain moneylender had **two debtors**. One owed **five hundred denarii**, and the other **fifty**.

Luke 7:42 When **they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both**. Now which of them will **love him more?**"

Luke 7:43 Simon answered, "The one, **I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.**" And he said to him, "**You have judged rightly.**"

Romans 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Romans 10:15 And **how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”**

Romans 10:21 But of Israel he says, **“All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”**

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came up and said to him, **“Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”**

Matthew 18:22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:23 ¶ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to **settle accounts** with his servants.

Matthew 18:24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him **ten thousand talents**.

Matthew 18:25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Matthew 18:26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, **‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’**

Matthew 18:27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant **released him and forgave him the debt**.

Matthew 18:28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a **hundred denarii**, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, **‘Pay what you owe.’**

Matthew 18:29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, **‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’**

Matthew 18:30 **He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.**

Matthew 18:31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

Matthew 18:32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, **‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.**

Matthew 18:33 **And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’**

Matthew 18:34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, **until he should pay all his debt.**

Matthew 18:35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, **if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”**

Romans 5:10 For if **while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person’s sin.

“We all are living with the consequences of someone else’s sin. The only choice is whether to do so in the bondage of bitterness or in the freedom of forgiveness. But where is the justice? The Cross makes forgiveness legally and morally right. Jesus died once for all our sins. We are to forgive as Christ has forgiven us. He did that by taking upon Himself the consequences of our sins. God “made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” Do not wait for the other person to ask for your forgiveness. Remember, Jesus did not wait for those who were crucifying Him to apologize before He

forgave them. Even while they mocked and jeered at Him, He prayed, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing”

Neil Anderson

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; **he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

Psalms 22:16 For **dogs encompass me;** a company of evildoers encircles me; **they have pierced my hands and feet —**

Luke 23:34 And Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** And they cast lots to divide his garments.